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TOP 10 STORIES OF 2019

The top stories based on readers' online activity



Echo file photo

The Budweiser Clydesdales paraded through Bay St. Louis as part of their visit to the Gulf Coast.

BY GEOFF BELCHER
GENERAL MANAGER

The past year was a busy one for Hancock County, and the stories we've covered over that time ranged from heart-warming to blood-curdling, including an iconic team of horses visiting, massive drug hauls, violence and false allegations, the discovery of skeletal remains.

While in years past, the

Sea Coast Echo editorial board has selected the top ten stories for the year in review, this year we decided to let our readers do the choosing. The following is a list of our top 10 news stories for 2019, based on our readers' selections and activity at www.seacoastecho.com.

10. Horsing Around: The Budweiser Clydesdales Parade in Old Town BSL
Thousands of people

lined the streets of Old Town Bay St. Louis in February to watch and cheer for the famed Budweiser Clydesdales as part of their visit to the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

"Oh my gosh, what a gift!" Nikki Moon, owner of the Bay Town Inn and a member of the board of directors for Visit Mississippi Gulf Coast

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The Echo's top inspiring stories



Echo file photo

Trina Cuccia and Ronald Avery participated in Hancock County Relay for Life's inaugural Dancing with the Stars event in January 2019.

BY CASSANDRA FAVRE
STAFF WRITER

This year, Sea Coast Echo staff covered several stories about inspirational people in our community.

Below are a few of our staff's top picks — in no particular order — as some of the most inspiring stories and people of 2019.

The Gift of Life

Back in February, Jack Schornick decided to donate his kidney to fellow St. Rose de Lima Catholic Church parish-

ioner Paul Jordan, Sr. At the time, Paul was receiving dialysis and was waiting in line on a kidney transplant list. "About a year ago, I was going out the church door (at St. Rose) and heard Paul talking to someone about needing a donor," Jack said. "He told me what to do and I went over and got tested...and we're a perfect match, according to Tulane. We're both 67 years old, and I'm two days older than him." Jack said the decision was an "easy" one for him to make.

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A Look Back Before a New Year



EDITOR'S NOTE: This is a monthly feature focused on "gems" in the Sea Coast Echo's circulation area. This feature appears the first Wednesday of each month.

BY BILL CURRIE
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The Vietnamese New Year is celebrated this year on Jan. 25. In addition to looking forward to the year ahead, it is appropriate to also look back on the misery endured by those refugees who now call America home and we



Father Joseph Vu

call fellow Americans.

The fall of South Vietnam in 1975 triggered a mass exodus of refugees escaping the wrath of the North Vietnam Army. Executions of South Vietnamese have been



Father Joseph Dang

estimated to be about 65,000. Approximately one million were sent to "re-education" camps where an estimated 165,000 died. Accurate numbers of South Vietnamese who attempted to flee on

overcrowded boats will never be known, but estimates are as high as 1.5 million. The number of those who didn't survive varies from 50,000 to 200,000.

The horrors of history fade with each successive generation and now several generations of Vietnamese-Americans have been born in America. They have no first-hand knowledge of their ancestral homeland, but family members still live who can tell them of their escape and the stories of those who didn't survive the journey.

The United States accepted 823,000 Vietnamese refugees. Out of the 823,000 stories of immeasurable pain, suffering, and persecution, two are shared

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County and Waveland join federal lawsuit

BY CASSANDRA FAVRE
STAFF WRITER

The Hancock County Board of Supervisors and the city of Waveland have joined other coastal cities in filing a federal lawsuit against the Mississippi River Commission and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers regarding the opening of the Bonnet Carré Spillway.

Hancock County and Waveland also join

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Bay aims to be 'pearl' of Gulf Coast New Year's celebrations



BY GEOFF BELCHER
GENERAL MANAGER

Bay St. Louis will celebrate New Year's Eve on the half-shell, ringing in 2020 with fireworks, a bonfire and the city's first-ever "Oyster Drop."

The oyster -- which now sits atop 200 North Beach Restaurant on Beach Boulevard in Old Town -- was created by local artist and "Mad Potter" Steve Barney at the request of developer Jim MacPhaille.

"Jim MacPhaille was kind of keeping it under wraps," Barney said Friday. "Larry Smith (Ward 4 city councilman) called me some time before Thanksgiving and said 'Could you build an oyster for a local businessman?' Jim had been looking around New Orleans for someone to build it for him. Of course, I know Jim, but he didn't realize we could build it locally."

"Larry Smith called me the Blaine Kern of Bay St. Louis, so we can build anything we want."

Barney said they oyster was carved from a 4x8 block of styrofoam with a Sawzall knife.

"It's overall dimension is seven feet tall by three feet wide, and it sits on top of an eight-foot pole which extends to 20 feet tall for New Year's Eve," Barney said.

The pole extension is operated by a pneumatic pump, he said.

"On New Year's Eve, I will be on the roof and when Jim tells me, I will open up the valve. We timed it -- it takes 45 seconds to drop down, and then that's going to trigger some lighting effects and the fireworks in the harbor."

The event is free and everyone is welcome. For more information, visit www.baystlouis-ms.gov.



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PRC taps LaFontaine for economic development director

BY CASSANDRA FAVRE
STAFF WRITER

Last week, the Pearl River County Board of Supervisors hired former Hancock County Supervisor Blaine LaFontaine as the county's first economic development director, effective Jan. 1.

LaFontaine's tenure as District 3 supervisor ended Dec. 31, 2019.

Pearl River County Administrator Adrain Lumpkin said that in 2018, the board created a five-member economic devel-



Blaine LaFontaine

opment board to seek out a person who would be the right fit for the county.

One of the top priorities for the board going into the new term was to hire someone for the position, Lumpkin said.

Lumpkin said that LaFontaine came "highly" recommended.

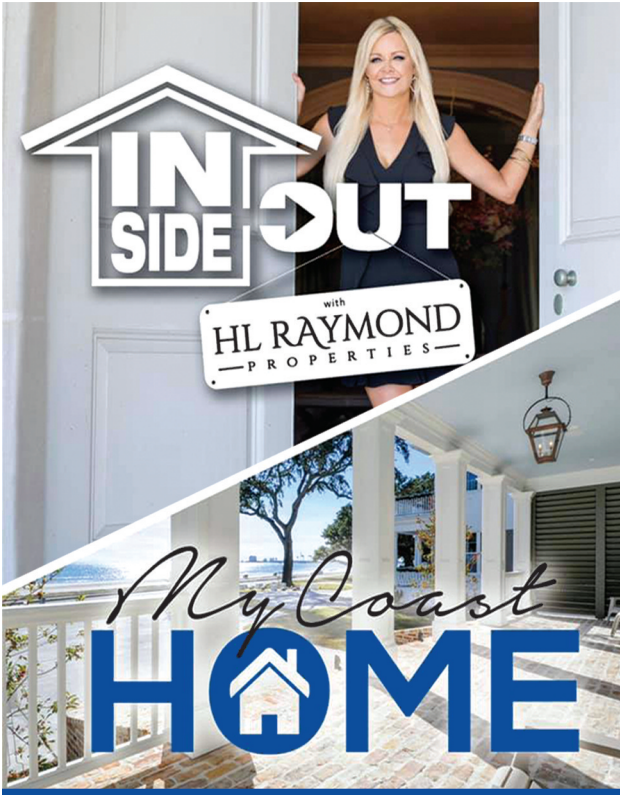
In addition to serving as the Hancock County Board of Supervisors president, LaFontaine also served as a councilman for the city of Diamondhead from 2013 to 2015.

He also served on the Hancock County Utility Authority, the Hancock County Regional Solid Waste Authority, the South Mississippi Twin Districts Workforce Area, and the Mississippi Sound

Coalition.

LaFontaine holds a Masters of Science in economic development and a Bachelor of Science in industrial engineering technology, both from the University of Southern Mississippi.

Lumpkin said one of the first things that LaFontaine will be working on is spending time identifying what's available for marketing in Pearl River County, which will include contacting state leaders and "chasing every opportunity



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Arrest Record

The following is a list of arrests logged at the Hancock County Justice Facility from the past week. Appearance on the jail log is not indicative of guilt, merely a record that an arrest has been made.

- ECHO STAFF REPORT
- Dana C. Ladner, 55, felony possession of controlled substance

Anthony R. Cuevas, 52, shoplifting

John J. Handov, 45, DUI:other substance, felony possession of controlled substance

Janacia J. Flowers, 19, DUI:other substance

Charles C. Martin, 32, contempt of court failure to appear

Steve W. Ditta, 42, contempt of court failure to appear

- Kristopher L. Kendall, 39, larceny:grand;vehicle of another

William S. Matthews, 51, disorderly conduct

Rebecca M. Crowe, 34, contempt of court failure to appear

Melissa A. Crowe, 32, contempt of court failure to appear

Aaron C. Lawrimore, 19, controlled substance to sell, barter transfer, manufacture, distribute, dispense or possess with intent to sell, barter transfer, manufacture, distribute, dispense

Wayne X. Farve, 37, simple assault, contempt failure to pay, contempt of court failure to appear

Tammy L. Garcia, 46, disturbance of family:indecent exposure, abusive language

Byron L. Cuevas, 40, disorderly conduct, false identifying information

Gabriel M. Henry, 30, DUI:first offense, hold MDOC

- Dawn M. Moore, 45, false identifying information, improper passing, no insurance, careless driving, failure to yield to blue lights, no drivers license

William E. Powe, 45, DUI:2nd conviction, no insurance

Brooks T. Adams, 39, possession of paraphernalia, drunkenness/profanity in public place, felony possession of controlled substance

Joseph r. Ruggles, 49, simple assault

Matthew P. Watkins, 40, contempt of court failure to appear

Brandon A. Jensen, 33, contempt of court failure to appear, malicious mischief, petit larceny

Shawn J. Hoda, 38, DUI:first offense

Christopher A. Scott, 36, hold for other agency

David J. Jenkins, 27, contempt of court failure to appear

Cassie A. Clement, 34, hold for other agency

Darrell R. Johnson, 40, simple assault

James D. Doyle Jr., 26, armed robbery, contempt of

- court failure to appear, probation violation

Kora M. Ciruti, 19, contempt of court: violation of protective order or court approved consent agreement, contempt of court failure to appear

Miguel S. Garcia, 25, contempt of court: violation of protective order or court approved consent agreement, contempt of court failure to appear

Lila J. Jordan, 59, DUI:first offense

Kassie L. Dwyer, 32, contempt of court failure to appear x 5

Samuel I. Spiers, 36, simple assault

Heather L. Bullock, 51, drunkenness/profanity in public place, disorderly conduct, resisting/obstructing arrest

Jalena E. Posey, 37, contempt of court failure to appear

Clifford Mancuso Jr., 21, felony possession of controlled substance

Ariana M. Johnson, 24, contempt of court failure to appear

Kenneth C. Parker, 61,

- drunkenness/profanity in public place

Michael A. Perkins, 52, malicious mischief

Jerry G. Johnson, 41, burglary

Brian P. Gates, 42, forgery, trespassing, possession of marijuana (1-30 grams)

Daniel G. Adams Jr., 42, felony possession of controlled substance

Travis B. Hurlbutt, 36, contempt failure to appear

Brian J. Staten, 31, simple assault

Lauren E. Carpenter, 28, shoplifting, trespassing

Joseph A. Rutledge, 19, contempt of court failure to appear

Angela C. Kain, 45, drunkenness/profanity in public place, misdemeanor possession of controlled substance

Bernard Terry, 44, contempt failure to appear

William J. Wolf, 49, possession of paraphernalia, misdemeanor possession of controlled substance

Eric D. Zambrowski Sr., 50, misdemeanor possession of controlled sub-

- stance, possession of paraphernalia

Martin V. Comfort, 56, felony possession of controlled substance

Salvador J. Harmon, 47, contempt of court failure to appear

Larry D. Carter III, 29, shoplifting x 2

Eugene G. Toler, 20, aggravated domestic violence

Demarko D. Walker, 29, contempt of court failure to appear

Brandon J. Teabout, 24, contempt of court failure to appear

Jordan C. Pavolini, 29, contempt of court failure to appear

Dylan M. Faciane, 26, probation violation

Akasha K. Jawers, 23, impersonating an officer or employee, shoplifting

Ellen L. Fields, 31, contempt of court failure to appear

Justin L. Delle, 40, contempt of court failure to appear

Logan M. Brand, 18, contributing to delinquency/neglect of a child

Diamondhead mayor headed to court against the POA

BY GEOFF BELCHER
GENERAL MANAGER

Diamondhead Mayor Thomas E. "Tommy" Schafer has filed suit against the Diamondhead Property Owners Association and asked for a temporary restraining order to lift his suspension from its country club and amenities.

Schafer was found not guilty of assaulting POA President Robert C. Marthouse, II, in early December. Marthouse had filed charges against Schafer in September, claiming the mayor had shoved him over a chair and injured him during a Community Collaborative Committee meeting between members of the POA and city officials.

On Nov. 8, Schafer was notified that, because of the incident, he would be suspended from using all POA amenities for six months, beginning on Nov. 16, and would be subject to a \$150 fine.

According to the suit, the incident happened when Schafer "attempted to discuss the multiple lawsuits filed unsuccessfully against/by the President/DPOA and stated that the city should take over the amenities of the DPOA. A heated discussion ensued and (Schafer) decided to leave. (He) stood between his chair and Marthouse's chair to leave. (Schafer) was approxi-

mately 12-18 inches from the chair Marthouse was occupying. Suddenly and without warning Marthouse stood up directly in the plaintiff's face ... and bumped plaintiff's body. As a result of the bump, Marthouse lost his balance and fell over his chair to the floor. At no time did (Schafer) place his hands on the body of Marthouse."

The suit further claims that video surveillance at the country club shows Marthouse and two other POA members "celebrating" after the incident; and that Marthouse "immediately thereafter had contact with multiple members of the DPOA and officials of the city of Diamondhead wherein he made no mention to anyone about any alleged assault."

Despite the not-guilty verdict, Schafer's attorney Tim Holleman said Friday, the POA and country club have continued Schafer's suspension.

"I've said since day one when this charge was filed, it shouldn't have been filed and I was right," Holleman said. "This lawsuit shouldn't be necessary. It's ridiculous to have to resort to a lawsuit to lift the suspension."

"If you read the lawsuit - I laid it out pretty good -- there is no penalty or fine or suspension for what they charged Tommy with, at all. ... They need to abide by their own contract, by the rules which they created. You can't make up a

fine or suspension. We did everything we could upfront to let them know that they were violating their own rules and regulations.

"They have to abide by their own rules."

Holleman said Schafer is also seeking to recoup some of the attorney's fees he paid in order to successfully fight the criminal case.

"We just got (the suit) and are reviewing it at the moment, so I don't have a specific comment on it," POA attorney August Rechtiem said Friday. "So far there's -- in my opinion -- flaws in their argument."

The motion for a restraining order has been scheduled for Jan. 8 in Biloxi before Harrison County Chancery Judge Carter Bise.

"He's filed a much more substantial complaint, but the only thing on the eighth is to lift the mayor's suspension from the amenities," Rechtiem said.

Holleman said he's confident the judge will temporarily lift the suspension until the matter is resolved.

Schafer's endgame, he said, "is just so we can all move forward and put it behind us. For whatever reasons, they've chosen not to. ... Tommy did not want to file a lawsuit against them."

The city and POA formed the Collaborative Committee because a majority of the city's parks, golf courses and other recreational amenities are owned, funded and main-

tained by the POA with private funds generated by dues assessment to property owners pursuant to its covenants. However, the terms of those covenants begin to expire in 2020, leaving both city and POA officials looking for ways to continue funding the amenities in a way that is equitable and affordable for Diamondhead residents.

Holleman said Schafer is anxious to get back to work with the POA to resolve the situation, but he has no desire to rejoin the collaborative committee unless its meetings are made open to the public.

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As Hancock County prepares to ring in the New Year and swear in several new elected officials for 2020, it will also see the retirement of long-time public Place 2Justice Court Judge Jay Lagasse. Lagasse was first elected to the position in 2004 and served four four-year terms. Prior to that, he served as a Hancock County election commissioner and had retired from Bell South in 2000. He also retired from the National Guard. Along with his wife Jo Ann, he was also a longtime volunteer with RSVP. "I enjoyed doing my job for the people of Hancock County," Lagasse said. "I would always answer my phone and I tried to treat everybody fair." Lagasse said he and his wife hope to start traveling, now that he has retired.

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to bring the jobs to the county."

LaFontaine said some of his first goals include establishing foundation and focus; working on a long-term plan for the assets Pearl River County has to offer; workforce development; business expansion; and

infrastructure planning.

LaFontaine said that he will also act as a liaison between government and industry.

LaFontaine said that he has always had a passion for economic development and is looking forward to establishing that foundation in Pearl River County.

"It was too good to pass up," he said. "I felt strongly about the board and helping the community grow and prosper."

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Resolutions

It's the beginning of a new year and a new decade. I'm kind of hoping for a Roaring '20's style resurgence, complete with fringe, flapper dresses, cloche hats, bobbed hairstyles, and Mary Jane or T-strap heels.

While I'm over here dreaming of a fashionable start to the decade, many people are compiling their lists of New Year's resolutions.

Some of the more common resolutions are losing weight, quitting smoking or drinking, saving money, and the list goes on.

Most see a new year as a fresh start, which it definitely can be.

However, some, like myself, often fall off the old resolution bandwagon quite early on in the year.

That's why I don't set them anymore. I'm not a big fan of setting up myself up for failure, in a sense. Plus, when I don't complete said resolution, I will beat myself up about it and I don't need another reason to do that. I also need to try to be kinder to myself, but that's a resolution I've not figured out how to master yet.

Back on a random day in May of 2018, I decided to start a weight loss journey.

I didn't join any of those diet "pyramid schemes," religiously attend the gym, or try any of those scary diet teas.

I simply started drinking more water, a gallon a day, and became more conscious of what I ate, exercised at home with my Zumba workout, and even completed almost two years now of those 30-day target area challenges.

My point is, I was ready for a change in my life. I'm getting older and — with my family history — that equals out to diabetes and heart disease.

I think that is why most people, including myself, fail at keeping their resolutions. Just because it's a new year does not mean you are ready, mentally or physically, to take on a task that can be quite daunting like losing weight, quitting smoking, or saving money.

Fast forward, I've lost almost 60 pounds now. It's still a daily struggle to keep myself on track, especially with all the holiday foods around.

But I still carry my gallon jug of water everywhere with me and continue to exercise. And I'm always extremely excited for cheat meal day.

It's become a new norm for me to practice these habits I slowly put into place.

Maybe that's why it's harder for the resolutions to stick. We grow impatient waiting for the improvements we want to see in our life.

Some people are better with a list of goals. When they scratch out one, it provides an incentive to keep on going down the list, which is a great way to keep track of resolutions.



Staff Column
By **Cassandra Favre**

Wicker Commends Passage of the National Defense Authorization Act *Vital Legislation to Support Our Troops*

America now has a National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for this fiscal year. After long congressional debates over this important bill, the overwhelming votes in the House and Senate gave a major win for all our citizens. It shows that supporting our military remains a bipartisan priority. With President Donald Trump's signature making this legislation the law of the land, America's armed forces will have what they need in 2020.

The NDAA fulfills Congress's most basic responsibility to provide for the common defense by setting funding levels and priorities for the Navy, Air Force, Marines, and Army. This year's defense authorization



From the Senate

by **Roger Wicker**

U.S. Senator

builds on the progress of the last three years and is a strong step forward as our military comes back from the damaging Obama-era cuts and takes care of troops and their families.

WINS IN THIS NDAA
The NDAA for Fiscal

Year 2020 authorizes \$738 billion in defense funding, consistent with recent years and below Cold War spending when measured as a percentage of the total U.S. economy. This money supports the Department of Defense's normal operations while giving a much-needed pay raise to service members. It will also help the Pentagon adapt to changing threats.

Some of the most important provisions will give our Navy professionals the ships they need. These measures will authorize full funding for the LPD-31 and LHA-9, amphibious ships to be built by the experts in Mississippi, as well as three new destroyers. I have long supported these programs, especially through the SHIPS Act, which I authored and

which will increase the size of America's fleet to 355 vessels, the number required to keep our country safe.

Satellites and cyber weapons will also present significant challenges going forward. In 2016, then-candidate Trump promised to address these issues by creating an American Space Force. This NDAA keeps the president's promise by establishing that new service branch within the Air Force, getting America ready for launch.

I am glad a provision I led to expand JROTC and National Defense Cadet Corps to 3,700 units nationwide was included as well. These programs benefit schools, families,

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Thinking about Health: Congress Leaves Promising Health Care Cost Reforms in Limbo

Health care as an issue landed with a thud in late December as members of Congress packed up and went home for the holidays. Two important pieces of legislation for patients didn't make it to the finish line. Passage of either measure next year is a crash-shoot since it's an election year.

One of my journalistic colleagues from the online site Axios summed up the Congressional end-of-the-year stalemate this way: "There are lots of goodies for the industry, while patients will get the worst kind of holiday surprise—more medical bills"—after Congress failed to enact two promising pieces of legislation.

First, seniors on Medicare and everyone else will continue to see their prescription bills zoom upward. Second, every American unlucky enough to need hospital



Guest Column
by **Trudy Lieberman**

care, but particularly emergency room care or surgery, will be at risk for financial complications they didn't expect.

In fact, unexpected medical costs are the public's top health concern. Studies indicate families are far more worried about getting socked with surprise bills than they are about getting hit with sky-high deductibles and premiums, or even paying their rent or mortgage. In

other words, those unexpected bills are a very big deal. So far, though, Congress has declined to end such practices.

Special interest groups — doctors, particularly anesthesiologists and emergency room physicians, hospitals, air ambulance companies, insurers, and employers — have all lobbied mightily to protect their financial interests. Although those stakeholders agree patients should be protected, there's no agreement on how much doctors should be paid.

Patients who receive a surprise bill, usually from an out-of-network doctor, would pay their deductible, copays, and coinsurance as if the doctor was in the network. Doctors who send these bills would then be paid by insurers based on the average payment for a service in the geographic area or a sum determined by an outside arbiter, depending on what the eventual legislation

requires.

A coalition of employers and insurers prefer negotiated rate settlements while physician groups favor arbitration.

When Congress adjourned at the end of December, a possible solution was deferred until next year.

A bill that would begin to tackle the high prices of prescription drugs passed the House, but Senate approval is uncertain. The bill championed by House Speaker Nancy Pelosi calls for the government to begin negotiating prices for between 50 and 250 drugs paid by the Medicare program. Recall that the 2003 law that gave seniors the benefit prohibited such negotiations.

If prices were negotiated, the bill projects that both consumers and the government would save

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here.

Father Joseph Vu remembers escaping communist rule when he was a young boy.

"I was 8 when Vietnam was divided, north and south, in 1954 and my family fled to the south," Vu said.

Saigon became his new home and he excelled as a student.

"I graduated from Saigon University in 1969, took the mandatory military training for six months, and got the rank of lieutenant. I became a high school teacher and enjoyed my life until the communists took over Saigon in 1975," Father Joseph recounted.

Educated people have been the first threat communists have attempted to neutralize in every country they've conquered, and South Vietnam was no exception.

"They announced that all of us learned capitalism and now they would give us the chance, especially those of us with a rank in the military, to study for 10 days to understand about socialism, to give us the idea of how to exploit the people," Vu said. "But after 10 days they said they would take care of us until we became good citizens. For three years I had to work 14 hours a day, seven days a week, not in prison, but in what they called a re-education camp."

Father Joseph's task day after day was to turn forests into agricultural fields.

"We cut trees and then planted sweet potato and corn, but during the harvest time they moved us to another forest so we couldn't see all the food," he said.

Though it was their back-breaking labor that made the food possible, they were starved.

"Every day they gave us two or three sweet potatoes or cassava. That's all. And meat we had twice a year, on the 1st day of the lunar new year and on Ho Chi Minh's birthday," Vu said. "One cow for 1,000 prisoners. Each piece was very small. Luckily they allowed my mother to come and visit every six months or so and she brought some food and medicine for me. I got malaria in that time but with the medicine she brought I survived it."

Little food and bouts of malaria dropped Joseph's weight down to an emaciated 80 pounds, but he lived.

"Two of my friends died in my arms," Father Joseph related sadly.

Father Joseph grew up in a devout Catholic family but his faith had diminished.

"My parents went to church three times a day and said the rosary before bed. They set good examples for us even though it was boring," Vu said. "I graduated from high school and went to work and went to church less and less. Many times my Mom cried."

A group of Catholics in the camp praying together in secret changed Father Joseph's life.

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huge amounts of money. Consumer drug spending would drop by 55 percent and government spending by some \$400 billion over the next 10 years. Democrats would like to use that money to expand Medicare coverage to include hearing, vision, and dental benefits.

The bill would also cap out-of-pocket spending on drugs for Medicare beneficiaries at \$2,000 a year. Currently some seniors can pay as much as \$15,000 annually for a single prescription drug.

"Patients scored a major

victory in the fight for lower drug prices" when the House passed its bill, says David Mitchell who founded the advocacy group Patients for Affordable Drugs Now. "The House has done its job. Now the Senate must act."

Whether it will is a big question mark. While the House drug bill indeed would be landmark legislation if it passes, it's hard to see drug makers giving up the fight.

It's estimated that the House bill would cause pharmaceutical industry revenues to drop by about one \$1 trillion in the next decade. That explains why the industry has fought long and hard to influence members of Congress to

"In prison, it was a hopeless situation," he said. "I saw a small group go off together at night, pretending to go to the latrine but actually finding a dark spot in order to pray together."

One had a small Bible, a danger in itself to possess.

"They tore a piece out and gave one verse to each other every day. That is how I learned the Bible," Vu said. "I prayed with that group in secret every night and that is when I restored my faith."

After three years, Father Joseph was released from the camp. He stayed with family for a few months to recover his health enough to attempt an escape.

"It cost \$2,000 to get on a boat. It was very expensive for a poor country but it was for freedom," he said.

After four days and four nights on a small boat with 55 people, they landed in Thailand where the reception was less than welcoming.

"After a week the Thai police told us to go back to the boat. Our engine was broken and they said don't worry, they would tow us. We trusted them but when they got us out on the open sea they cut the rope," Vu said. "We had no food and little water. Each person got four spoonfuls of water a day. One woman was so hopeless she jumped overboard but miraculously after five hours some fishermen found her and brought her in to a refugee camp. After 10 days a strong wind blew us back into Thailand and the first thing we did was to burn our boat so they had to accept us."

Father Joseph stayed in a refugee camp for seven months until a friend in Chicago sponsored his move to America. At age 33 he could now embark on his dream of becoming a missionary priest with the Society of the Divine Word. After his ordination in 1990 he was assigned to the Philippines for 12 years, 12 years in Memphis working with the black community, and now eight years based in Bay St. Louis and traveling across the country preaching to fellow Vietnamese-Americans.

Father Joseph's life could have ended in Vietnam at any twist or turn, but those times have been overshadowed by his successful life post-Vietnam. "Sometime I still have a dream the communist police are coming to arrest me, but now, thank God, it's fading away," he said.

Father Joseph Dang was born in South Vietnam in the '60s.

"If my parents had stayed in North Vietnam they probably would have been put to death because they stood against Ho Chi Minh and his compatriots," Father Dang stated.

When he was 10, South Vietnam was overtaken by the communists and the arrests began. He saw his pastor arrested and taken away.

"There were many others arrested too. Former soldiers, officers, businessmen, Buddhist monks, and teachers," Father Dang related, drawing on his childhood memories.

Father Dang's parents were successful traders but their social status changed overnight.

"The communists changed the cur-

rency so everyone would be equal. All the money we had previously was of no use," Dang said. "If you had gold or diamonds you might survive."

When Father Dang was 12, his parents paid for him and his siblings to join 50 others on a small boat to attempt the dangerous voyage to Singapore.

"We made it to Singapore, saw the beautiful harbor and city but were not allowed entry. We lost hope," he said.

They eventually landed in Malaysia where they were not welcomed warmly. Having heard of others' experiences, they sank their boat to make it more difficult to expel them.

"We were in a small village and we stayed about three months and then moved out to a UN refugee camp on an island for six more months," he said.

Father Dang and his siblings were then sponsored by a priest who was the brother of Father Dang's sister-in-law. Father Dang's parents eventually joined the rest of their family in Australia. He acknowledges that the survival of his entire immediate family was the exception.

"Some of my cousins died. They say 50 percent didn't make it, either from hunger, pirate attacks, or boats sinking. That's the risk you had to take," he said.

Father Dang met some Society of the Divine Word missionaries in his parish in Melbourne who changed the course of his life.

"They would come out and help the Vietnamese refugees and transport them to Masses. I saw the spirit in them. They wanted to help the poor and the marginalized. I wanted to be a part of that," Dang said. "They helped me so I wanted to help people in return."

Father Dang lived his formative years in Australia beginning in 1977 and completed his seminary studies and ordination before leaving for America in 1993. Most of his memories are those of growing up in Australia and his time as an adult in America. He was eager to return to his birthplace to visit the land he left at the age of 12 but he felt more like a tourist rather than a native.

"It was good to go back to my old village and the church where I was baptized and confirmed and the house where I was born," he said. "But I don't remember much. I was born in Vietnam but I can say I'm a stranger to my own country. It's ok. I accept that."

Father Dang is now based at the Bay St. Louis Seminary where he runs the retreat center. Father Joseph leads the Cursillo movement for Catholic Vietnamese nationally. They are charged with helping others find peace with their past, a renewal of their faith, and hope for the future through God's grace; spiritual pursuits both men are uniquely qualified to lead as a result of their painful pasts.

If you would like to share a story from your life or would like to nominate someone to be a "Gem," e-mail Bill at: billcurrie23@gmail.com.

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and communities by teaching lifelong lessons about character and citizenship to the next generation of leaders, some of whom will go on to serve in uniform.

There are many other great ideas that will become realities because of this legislation. There are also many unwise proposals that I worked to exclude from the end product, such as measures that would have unnecessarily limited the president's ability to counter Iranian aggression. Efforts to move terrorist detainees at Guantanamo Bay to the United States and cut off support for our allies were also stopped in their tracks.

A BIPARTISAN TRADITION

Congress has passed a defense authorization every year for the last 58 years, usually with supermajorities of Republicans and Democrats. Both in times of bipartisan unity and during hard fights like today, this process stands out as the legislative branch at its best.

The fact that we were able to approve the NDAA for the 59th year in a row with such broad support shows how necessary this bill is. The vote also demonstrates the level of trust our country has in our defense professionals.

SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

WHEREAS, on May 11, 1992, Davis Files and wife, Jeanette T. Files executed a certain deed of trust to Frank W. Niemeyer, Jr., as trustee, and the United States of America, acting through the Farmers Home Administration, United States Department of Agriculture, as Beneficiary, which deed of trust is of record in the Office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock, County, State of Mississippi, in Land Record Book 368, Page 471;

WHEREAS, default has occurred in the payment of the indebtedness secured by said deed(s) of trust, and The United States of America, acting by and through the United States Department of Agriculture, as Beneficiary, has authorized and instructed Stephens Millirons, P.C. as Substitute Trustee to foreclose said deed(s) of trust by advertisement and sale at public auction in accordance with the statutes made and provided therefor.

THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that pursuant to the power of sale contained in said deed(s) of trust and in accordance with the statutes made and provided therefor, the said deed(s) of trust will be foreclosed and the property covered thereby and hereinafter described will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder for cash at the Hancock County Courthouse at Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, in the aforesaid County and will sell within legal hours (being between the hours of 11:00 AM and 4:00 PM) on January 8, 2020, to satisfy the indebtedness now due under and secured by said deed(s) of trust.

Stephens Millirons, P.C. will convey only such title as vested in it as Substituted Trustee.

The premises to be sold are described as:

Beginning at the NW Corner of Lot 1, Block 4, Green Acres Subdivision, Hancock County, Mississippi; thence South 38 degrees 51 minutes East 170.65 feet along the Westerly right-of-way of Waveland Avenue; thence South 59 degrees 37 minutes West 124.1 feet; thence North 195.7 feet to the place of beginning. Containing 0.24 acres, more or less, and being all of Lots 1 and 2 and part of Lot 3, Block 4, Green Acres Subdivision in Section 3, Township 9 South, Range 14 West Hancock County, Mississippi.

This property will be sold on an "as is, where is" basis, subject to any easements, encumbrances, and exceptions reflected in the deed of trust and those contained in the public records of County where the above-described property is situated. This property will be sold without warranty or recourse, expressed or implied as to condition, title, use and/or enjoyment.

The successful bidder must tender a non-refundable deposit of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) in certified funds made payable to Stephens Millirons, P.C. at the time and place of sale. The balance of the purchase price must be paid in certified funds by noon on the second business day following the sale at the law firm of Stephens Millirons, P.C. at 120 Seven Cedars Drive, Huntsville, Alabama 35802.

Date: November 20, 2019

Stephens Millirons, P.C.
Substituted Trustee
120 Seven Cedars Drive
Huntsville, AL 35802
(256) 382-5500
2019-17624

Duly authorized to act in the premises by instrument recorded on November 8, 2019 in Deed of Trust Book 2019, Page 25026, of the records of the aforesaid County and State.

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

WHEREAS, on November 9, 1992, Candee L. Breaux executed a certain deed of trust to and Frank W. Niemeyer, Jr., as Trustee, and the United States of America, acting through the Farmers Home Administration, United States Department of Agriculture, beneficiary, as Beneficiary, which deed of trust is of record in the Office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock, County, State of Mississippi, in Book 378, Page 147;

WHEREAS, default has occurred in the payment of the indebtedness secured by said deed(s) of trust, and The United States of America, acting by and through the United States Department of Agriculture, as Beneficiary, has authorized and instructed Stephens Millirons, P.C. as Substitute Trustee to foreclose said deed(s) of trust by advertisement and sale at public auction in accordance with the statutes made and provided therefor.

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The premises to be sold are described as:

Beginning at the NE corner of Lot 1, Block 11, Green Acres Subdivision, Town of Waveland; thence South 00 degrees 20 minutes 52 seconds West 100.00 feet along the West line of Sycamore Street; thence North 89 degrees 39 minutes 08 seconds West 100.00 feet; thence North 00 degrees 20 minutes 52 seconds East 100.00 feet to the South line of Birch Street; thence South 89 degrees 39 minutes 08 seconds East along said South line to the place of beginning; containing 0.23 acres, more or less, and being part of Lots 1, 2 and 3, Block 11, Green Acres Subdivision, Town of Waveland, Hancock County, Mississippi.

This property will be sold on an "as is, where is" basis, subject to any easements, encumbrances, and exceptions reflected in the deed of trust and those contained in the public records of County where the above-described property is situated. This property will be sold without warranty or recourse, expressed or implied as to condition, title, use and/or enjoyment.

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Date: November 8, 2019

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RESOLUTION

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But, if you're like me, and have decided to not set annual New Year's resolutions, remember that you don't need a holiday to jumpstart your

goals.

You can start on them anytime of the year. Again, make sure that you're mentally and physically prepared for the challenges.

Life doesn't always turn out the way we want. There are so many twists and curves that we have to roll with. We also have various responsibilities that may delay reaching our

goals.

But with a bit of patience, determination, a good support system, I believe that we can find a balance between life's unexpected little surprises and realizing our dreams.

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HP New Year's Enforcement Period

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The Mississippi Highway Patrol will begin the New Year's Enforcement Period on Tuesday, December 31 at 12:01 a.m. and will conclude

Wednesday, January 1 at midnight. The ongoing MHP safety initiative "Home for The Holidays" continues to place emphasis on traffic safety regarding motorists traveling throughout the holiday season. During the 2018 New

Year's period, MHP investigated 92 vehicle crashes including 5 fatalities on state, federal highways, and interstate systems. If plans include alcohol, please designate a sober driver before festivities start. No one should begin

2020 with being arrested, facing medical bills, legal fees, and perhaps losing their job. Responsible decisions ensure safe travel and allows everyone to enjoy time spent with family and friends.

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READERS

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said. "I think Bay St. Louis was so fortunate to be included in their tour of the Coast and what a special night it was for everybody being Second Saturday. It was a great, fun night."

Bay St. Louis was the third stop on the four-city tour for the clydesdales. Earlier in the week, they visited Biloxi, Gulfport and Ocean Springs in a tour sponsored by Mitchell Distributing, which distributes for Anheuser-Busch Brewing Company on the Coast and in other locations around the state.

Bay St. Louis was the only city on the tour to turn the clydesdales' visit into an actual parade.

9. Two injured in pickup/18-wheeler collision at Rocky Hill Dedeaux Road

Two people were injured in a crash at Rocky Hill Dedeaux Road in late January when the pickup truck they were riding in crashed into an 18-wheeler. "What had happened was the driver of the 18-wheeler was backing into his driveway and was hit by (the other) vehicle," Hancock County Emergency Management Agency Director Brian "Hootie" Adam said.

Fenton Volunteer Fire Department Chief Wade Ladner said the accident occurred when the 1999 Chevy 1500, traveling west on Rocky Hill, slammed into the 18-wheeler near the back end of the vehicle.

Both the pickup driver and a passenger "were pretty roughed up," Ladner said. Fenton firefighters used the "jaws of life" to rescue the pair from the truck before AMR transported them to Garden Park Hospital.

The impact of the crash also caused the 18-wheeler's fuel tank to rupture, spilling about 100 gallons of fuel onto the roadway. Fenton firefighters stood by most of the night to make sure the scene was safe and secure.

8. Bay man decries city's forced 'clean-up' of his property

In December, a Bay St. Louis city work crew on Monday drove a backhoe onto a resident's property off Old Spanish Trail to begin a two-day clean-up, which the property owner protested and said was a violation of his rights.

The Bay St. Louis City Council first declared the property a "public menace" in 2013, and neighbors said at a public hearing the property "looks like a junkyard" and draws rats and snakes.

"I just think it's a flagrant violation of my constitutional rights," the property owner said. "I go before a city judge, a city code enforcement officer, all paid for by the city, and I don't know how a man can stand a chance."

"It's nothing the city wants to do," Mayor Mike Favre said. "We'd rather people work out their own problems, but this has been going on for years."

7. Hancock deputies seize more than 3,600 doses of illegal Fentanyl

In mid-January, agents of the Hancock County Sheriff's Office Narcotics Division seized approximately 370 packaged units of pharmaceutical-grade Fentanyl from a location within the city of Waveland, according to a press release issued by narcotics Division Commander Jeremy Skinner. Skinner said the Fentanyl was located as a result of tips and information generated during the course of the investigation, and that it was recovered from an open wooded location that could have been easily accessed by anyone, including children playing in the area. "A standard medical dosage of Fentanyl is approximately 50 micrograms," Skinner said. "The approximate total standard medical dosage units recovered today was in excess of 3,600, which could have potentially resulted in hundreds of fatalities, if sold or consumed by street drug users, either by itself or if mixed into other illicit drugs." "Today's seizure was the result of some excellent investigative work and cooperation between law enforcement agencies," Sheriff Ricky Adam said in the release. "However, the part I am happiest about is that we were able to get this dangerous substance off the street and know that it will never make it into the hands of children. We've been seeing more and more of this drug, as it has become a more popular drug of opiate abuse across the country."

6. Local judge named in federal lawsuit

A Hancock County Justice Court judge was one of nearly a dozen public officials in two coastal counties named in a federal lawsuit in November which claims each played a crucial role in violating a Gulf Coast businessman's civil rights.

In the suit, a Harrison County man alleges a Hancock County Justice Court judge denied him his right to a jury trial during a criminal proceeding brought by his ex-wife, who works as a paralegal/court administrator for the city of Gulfport Prosecutor's Office.

The judge has filed a motion to have his name removed from the suit.

The suit alleges the ex-wife engaged in affairs used her relationships with prosecutors and other law enforcement to gain favors to help aid in her legal struggles against the plaintiff.

5. Hancock County supervisor injured while reportedly trying to stop a fight

Hancock County District 5 Supervisor Darrin "Bo" Ladner was injured on Memorial Day while reportedly trying to stop a group of people from fighting.

Ladner was allegedly struck with a tire iron,



Hancock County Coroner Jim Faulk and Deputy Coroner Melissa Taillon at the scene where skeletal remains were found in Diamondhead.

causing injuries to his head, jaw and collar bone. The incident happened at the Kiln baseball complex.

No criminal charges were ever filed in the case.

Ladner recovered from his injuries and was reelected to his position in November.

4. Police say woman lied when she said boyfriend kidnapped and beat her

A Waveland woman faced criminal charges in late January after police said she lied about being kidnapped and held hostage by her boyfriend. She was charged with one felony count of filing a false police report after she led investigators to believe her boyfriend kidnapped and held her hostage for more than five hours at their Waveland apartment in 2018.

The boyfriend was initially charged with with one count of kidnapping -- abduction; one count of aggravated assault -- domestic violence; one count of simple assault -- causing bodily injury; and one count of obstruction of emergency services.

Waveland Police Chief Mike Prendergast said the woman later admitted to making false statement.

3. Parents hot over BWSD's cold-weather uniform policy

The Bay-Waveland School District Board of Trustees in November heard from several parents about the district's dress code policy, specifically as it relates to jackets.

In a Nov. 12 Facebook post, the district stated, "During cold weather, students are allowed to wear jackets of any kind outside of the building that do not have hoods on them. Inside of the building, solid navy, and royal sweatshirts and 1/4 zips are allowed. Hoods are never allowed to be worn on campus."

One parent said at a public school board meeting that one issue she took with the coat policy is that "it's freezing cold outside and all the heavy jackets have hoods on them."

"I dropped my daughter off at school this morning and every single teacher in the car rider line had hoods



The city of Bay St. Louis began a court-ordered clean-up of resident Chris Lagarde's property, which had first been declared a "public menace" in 2013, leading to a lengthy court battle.

on their jackets or beanies on their head and my kid can't have one," she said. "My seven-year-old daughter was crying this morning because she doesn't want to worry about getting in the car to go to school and getting in trouble for her jacket."

School Board President Casey Favre said that "we've said you can't wear a hood in the building, but we've not told a single child that you cannot show up at school with a jacket."

BWSD Superintendent Dr. Sandra Reed said that she thinks that "our track record here shows that we genuinely try to do what's in the best interests of students."

Reed said there are some "safety concerns," with regards to clothing, but said the district would reexamine the uniform policy.

"We've heard what you said," she said. "Let's take a look at it and see if we can't arrive at a spot that we all feel is best for kids."

2. Bay St. Louis mom charged after minors allegedly drank alcohol at party

A Bay St. Louis woman was arrested in April and charged with nearly three dozen violations of Mississippi's "social host" law, which makes it unlawful for an adult to knowingly allow minors to consume alcoholic beverages on his or her property.

The woman was arrested after someone reported

that minors were drinking at a prom party at her home, Bay St. Louis police officials said.

According to the Mississippi Code, "No adult who owns or leases a private residence or private premises shall knowingly allow a party to take place or continue at the residence or premises if a minor at the party obtains, possesses or consumes any alcoholic beverage, light wine or beer if the adult knows that the minor has obtained, possesses or is consuming alcoholic beverages, light wine or beer."

1. Skeletal remains found in Diamondhead

A human skull was found in the woods between two Diamondhead homes just a few days before Halloween, leading to more remains, officials said, which may be those of a man who disappeared more than 11 years ago.

Hancock County Sheriff Ricky Adam said an adjoining property owner discovered the skull while walking through a lightly wooded path about 200 feet from the roadway on Apua Street off Kapalama Drive. HCSO investigators arrived at the scene and secured a small area with yellow crime scene tape, Adam said. They then contacted the Mississippi Bureau of Investigations, which sent members of its forensics crime scene team down to assist.

Several bones and what

are believed to be the man's personal belongings were found lying on the ground just below a small pile of leaves and dirt. Among the personal belongings were a hat, a pair of grey tennis shoes and a silver wrist watch. The neighbor had also given authorities a wallet he had found near the skull.

Officials said the identification cards in the wallet gave investigators a pretty big clue as to who the body may have been. All of the items found also matched those in the description of a man who was reported missing back in May 2008.

On May 18, 2008, 86-year-old Ward Buel of Diamondhead was reported missing. Buel suffered from Alzheimer's disease and disappeared from his home one weekend, never to be seen again.

Search-and-rescue teams scoured the neighborhood near Buel's home on Linohau Way at the time. They even went door to door in the residential areas of Diamondhead, handing out fliers. All Terrain Vehicles and cadaver dogs were used to comb fields and wooded areas, even in some areas along Interstate 10, but to no avail.

Adam said the bones were sent off for a DNA analysis to confirm an identity.

As of press time Monday, the DNA results had not yet been returned to Hancock County officials, Faulk said.

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LAWSUIT

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Harrison County, city of Biloxi, city of D'Iberville, Mississippi Hotel and Lodging Association, and Mississippi Commercial Fisheries United, Inc.

A few months ago, several coastal leaders formed a coalition to discuss the 2019 openings of the Bonnet Carre` Spillway, Waveland Mayor Mike Smith said.

"All the mayors have been meeting so they can stand up and make one voice heard," Smith said.

According to the complaint, "In the spring and summer of 2019, the U.S. Army Corps of

Engineers and the Mississippi River Commission opened the Bonnet Carre` Spillway element of the Mississippi River and Tributaries project, releasing a flood of polluted Mississippi River water through the Lake Pontchartrain Basin and into the Mississippi Sound, wreaking havoc on the natural resources, communities, and businesses on the Mississippi Gulf Coast."

The complaint also states that the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources has estimated the "financial impacts to fisheries alone as over \$160 million."

In September, the U.S. Department of Commerce granted Gov. Phil Bryant's request for a fisheries disaster declaration.

The complaint states that "federal law requires that the Corps

and Mississippi River Commission consider alternatives to help mitigate or remove those impacts where possible. The consequence of the Corps and Mississippi River Commission's failure to comply with applicable law — including without limitation their failure to perform required and sensible analyses — is not just a violation of law, it is a real and tragic missed opportunity, which has caused significant losses to plaintiffs and residents, visitors, and citizens in this district."

The complaint requests a declaration that the "Corps of Engineers and Mississippi River Commission have violated the National Environmental Policy Act and the Magnuson-Stevens Sustainable Fishery Conservation

and Management Act; an order requiring the Corps of Engineers and the Mississippi River Commission to fully comply with applicable laws, and requiring them to undertake the analysis required by those laws with all due haste, on a schedule established by this court; and preliminary injunctive relief requiring the Corps to comply with all applicable laws, and to undertake a formal consultation process with the plaintiffs prior to any additional opening of the spillway."

Smith said Waveland decided to join the lawsuit because of the fact that the city is one of the first affected when the Bonnet Carre` Spillway is opened.

Hancock County Board of Supervisors President Blaine

LaFontaine said that for the past several months, the county has been looking at the ecological and economic impacts the opening of the Bonnet Carre` Spillway has had on the county. Due to those concerns, LaFontaine said, the county felt it had to take the next step and make sure the proper process is being followed.

LaFontaine said he believes that will begin conversations about making federal changes.

"For us, this is one of the biggest threats to exist to the Coast and way of life," he said. "We will continue to be vigilant."

The complaint can be read in its entirety at www.seacoastecho.com.

INSPIRING

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Giving Back

Back in January, a crew from the Hancock County Water and Sewer District spent their Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday repairing the gravity sewer system for the residents of Shubuta, Mississippi. Hancock County Water and Sewer Director Mike Barr said that the town of 400 residents received about eight feet of floodwaters and neither MEMA nor FEMA had declared the area a disaster. That day, Barr — along with the EOC's John Albert and Hancock County Water and Sewer District employees Donald Richards, Shawn Bernard, Samuel Rush, and William Adcock — loaded up the necessary equipment to repair the town's sewer system at no charge to Shubuta. It took the crew one day to fix the sewer system. "The mayor was ecstatic," Barr said. "The whole town is full of nice people. They are some of the best people you will ever meet."

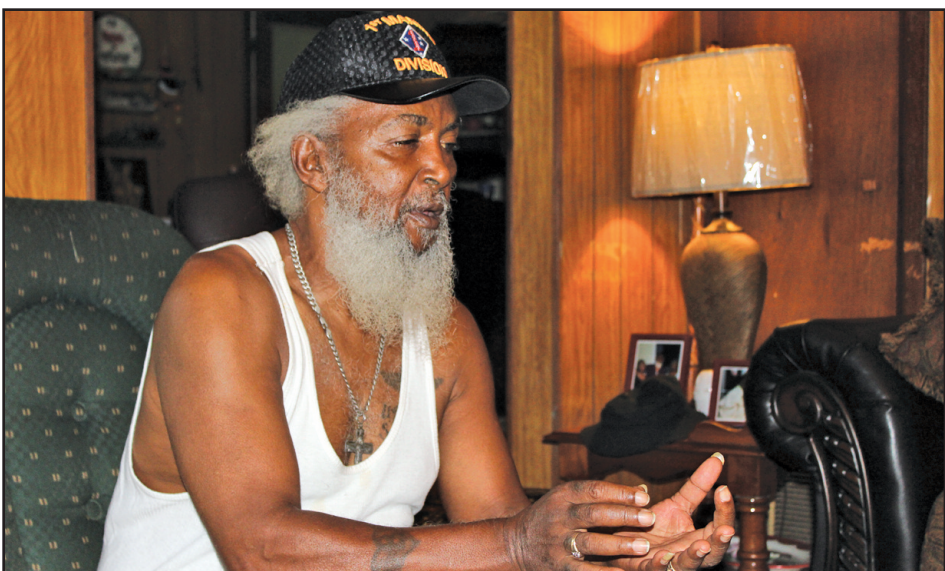
This Thanksgiving, Kayla McFadden combined fitness with giving back with her Dumbbells for Donation campaign. In exchange for food donations, McFadden offered her personal training services at no charge. Through her program, enough donations were raised to feed 10 families at Brenda's House Family Center. "It makes me happy to see how many are willing to help out and donate to others," she said. "I wanted to get as many as I could involved to have fun with fitness and teach them techniques." She added that she would "love to do this every year and help families in need celebrate during the holidays."

This year the seniors at Memorial Woodland Village Nursing Center received Christmas cheer, thanks to the efforts of the Diamondhead Rouses Markets store director Chuck Clark and his "Sending Smiles to Seniors for Christmas" campaign. He reached out to the community and received a big response, even for each of the 120 seniors to receive two presents. "I wanted to reach out and make sure everyone had a very Merry Christmas from the community," Clark said. "I know the need this place has and I wanted to help fulfill some of them. Thank you to the community for all the love and help they've done for this program."

For a Cause

In 1979, Louie Smolensky started raising funds for the Muscular Dystrophy Association with Haircuts for MDA. In September, Louie, along with several others who donated funds to watch, coordinated the "Last Haircut for MDA." Louie also received a plaque from MDA honoring his years of service and fundraising. Louie said he felt honored by the award and the outpouring of support from the community.

In January, the Hancock County Relay for Life hosted the inaugural Dancing with the Relay Stars event at the Hollywood Casino ballroom. The dance competition included 11 acts, which ranged from solo and couples performances to group acts. This year's performers included Suzanne Cotter; Cotter's group dance with the G.O.A.L. Diggers; Trina Cuccia and Ronald Avery; Elizabeth Bettencourt; Ashley Bulloch and Erin Hicks; Pearl Peterman and Dylan Delcuze; Debora Powell and Robbie Greenwood; Cullen; Jaimee and Joel Dorris; Kim Smith; and the King and Queen of the Mystic Krewe of the Seahorse and friends. "The night was magical and a great success," Relay for Life co-



Habitat for Humanity provided necessary repairs to Vietnamese veteran and U.S. Marine Russell Nichols' home.



From left, Tiger Harris and Louie Smolensky during Louie's final haircut for MDA.



These children, once in the foster care system of Hancock County, have all been reunified with their parents. Pictured in front is Luke. From second row left, Wilson, Edith, Arielle, and Savannah. From back left is Donald and Anthony.

lead Bernie Cullen said. "We wanted to have a fun kickoff to our 2019 Hancock County Relay for Life campaign and I think we did it." The funds raised from Relay for Life events are used to benefit residents of Hancock County who are battling cancer.

Dreaming Big

Eight-year-old Madison Dobson of Waveland dreams of becoming an Olympic gymnast. However, earlier this year, she started losing mobility in her limbs and was diagnosed with Stage One Full Body Complex Regional Pain Syndrom, for which there is no cure and which can continue to create paralysis. Her parents, Mindy and Joe, have to take Madison to Illinois for treatments. Mindy said that Madison misses participating in gymnastics with her team. "It was her passion," Mindy said. "She has her moments of anger and sometimes takes it out on us. She also writes journal entries. She just wants to be a normal kid and do what kids do." In an effort to offset medical costs, the family also hosted Waveland's first Taco Fest in July.

Honoring a Final Resting Place

"No resting place should be in such a shape, and the people buried there deserve to be honored," Vanessa Mitchell Polk said about Spring Branch Church Cemetery, which is located on Old Gainesville-Pearlington Road. Prior to the creation of Stennis Space Center's buffer zone during the 1960s, a church was located near the cemetery. Since discovering the cemetery, Polk has cleared pine trees and brush from the gravesides. She also found bullet holes on headstones and monuments knocked off their bases. Since November of 2017, Polk and more than 50 volunteers have spent hours cleaning the cemetery and locating graves. Through

her research, Polk said, she learned that some of Hancock County's first settlers are buried at the cemetery. There are about 135 people buried at the cemetery and only 35 have been identified.

Bringing Back the Dream

In October, Habitat for Humanity Bay-Waveland Area completed the repairs to Vietnam Veteran, Purple Heart recipient, and U.S. Marine Russell Nichols' Bay St. Louis home. During the 1970s when he returned home from Vietnam, Nichols said, he did not receive a hero's welcome. Now, almost 50 years later, he received that treatment thanks to Habit for Humanity's veteran's home repair program. Michael Cowan, volunteer and construction manager for Habitat for Humanity Bay-Waveland Area said the group completed several critical home repairs. Habitat also installed a flag pole in front of Nichols' home and members of the Bay High School's JROTC program performed a flag raising ceremony. The American and U.S. Marines flags now fly over Nichols' home. Nichols said that Cowan also went above and beyond. "Then Mike showed me he had feelings for the people," Nichols said. "When he did that, that's when I started feeling better. Now I'm proud of this house. That's his job, but he goes above and beyond his job. He's a man of his word. We didn't have nobody to help us like you do. I'm glad you're (Michael) in my corner helping me."

Reuniting Families Through Hope

Back in April, Hancock Judge Trent Favre and the Hancock County Youth Court unveiled its Halls of Hope community art project. The project included panels of artwork completed by several local artists, which will hang on the

walls at youth court. "The Halls of Hope project was established to enhance the courtroom aesthetic utilizing the talents of our very rich artistic heritage in Hancock County," Favre said. "The idea came from listening to my own children come to the courthouse and tell me how scared they were of the building. And that made me realize that if they were scared, then other children were scared, and maybe even some parents." Favre said that "hope" is not often a word associated with youth court.

In June, Hancock County Youth Court, CASA, and Child Protective Services hosted the county's first Family Reunification Celebration to celebrate the "accomplishments of families who have overcome an array of challenges to reunify safely and successfully," CASA of Hancock County's Executive Director Cynthia Chauvin said. Back in 2016, there were more than 400 children in the system,

now that number is 129, Favre said. Several parents spoke at the celebration including Dorothy McKnight, a mother of three. "I was jobless, homeless, an addict, and mother, and I lost my children," she said. "But everybody rallied around me. I didn't see my kids for almost two years, but when I did see them, it was like I'd never left." McKnight completed the rehabilitation program at Jacob's Well and is a graduate of the Hancock

County Resource Center's Navigator program. "My children have stood behind me," McKnight said. "They don't hold it against me. They were separated. It's been a long journey for them too. I know. They're all teenagers now and they forgive me, I hope. I'm in recovery and I will be forever. And I take it one day at a time. Judge Favre sealed the deal when he gave me my children back. I couldn't have been happier."

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Homestead exemption applications will be accepted from **January 2, 2020 through April 1, 2020**, office located at 854 Highway 90 Suite C., Applications must be filed in the Bay St. Louis office of Hancock County Tax Assessor between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.
You must be living in your home on or before **January 1, 2020** to qualify for homestead exemption. The property must be your primary residence in order to qualify.

The following information is needed to file your application.

- A) Warranty deed
- B) Cost of property
- C) Down payment amount
- D) License plate numbers for vehicles registered in Hancock County.
(All vehicles owned must be registered in Hancock County.)
- E) If you are age 65 or older, proof of age is required
- F) If you are receiving 100% disability benefits, proof of your disability is required
- G) Is any part of the property rented

You must re-file your homestead exemption application if

- A) You became over 65 on or before January 1, 2020
- B) You became 100% disabled service Connected veteran on or before January 1, 2020
- C) You acquired a new residence
- D) You acquired additional property that adjoins your homestead
- E) Your marital status changed (divorced, widowed, separated, etc.)

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Obituaries

STEVE ALAN GARCIA
BETTY JEAN NECAISE
JEANNE REID
SUSAN DARLENE RUBIO
MALCOLM JOSEPH VEAZEY

STEVE ALAN GARCIA

Steve Alan Garcia, 51, of Bay St. Louis, MS passed away Tuesday, December 24, 2019 in New Orleans, LA. He was a wonderful and loving son, brother and uncle who will be sadly missed by his family and friends. He was preceded in death by his father, Clarence Garcia and sister, Philis Garcia. He is survived by his Immediate family, mother, Gloria Wheat Garcia; brother, Britt Garcia (Samantha) of Bay St. Louis and two sisters, Tracy Myers (Rodle) of Bay St. Louis and Leigh Rougeau (Raymond) of Denham Springs, LA; cousin, Larry Garcia; six nephews, Lil Britt, Brandon, Raymon, Raoul, Tres and Tyler and six

nieces, Chelci, Nikki, Joni, Joli, Leslie and Aleigha. Visitation will be held Saturday, January 4, 2020 at Edmond Fahey Funeral Home from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. with a prayer service at 1:00 p.m. Interment to follow at Lakeshore Cemetery in Lakeshore, MS. Edmond Fahey Funeral home in Bay St. Louis is in charge of the arrangements.



BETTY JEAN NECAISE

Betty Jean Necaïse, age 84, passed away, Saturday, December 21, 2019 in Bay St. Louis. She was preceded in death by her husband, Vernon Anthony Necaïse; son, Rodney M. Necaïse; parents, Albert and Aline Hoda; brothers, Lionel and Jimmy Ray Hoda. Betty Jean is survived by her children, Norma Jean Wright of Kennesaw, Georgia, Gordon (Anthony) Necaïse of Madison, MS, Johnny Necaïse of Cold Springs, NY, Terry Necaïse of Kiln, MSA and Jarret Allen Page of Las Vegas, NV; brothers, Richard Hoda of the Rocky Hill community, and Joe Hoda of Kiln, MS; 8 grandchildren, 13 great grandchildren; and 3 great-great grandchildren. She spent the first forty plus years in the Rocky Hill community before moving to Gulfport where she spent her remaining years. Betty Jean attended the Mississippi School for the deaf, Jackson, MS and was

a past president of the Del Epee Deaf Center, Gulfport, MS, and never met a stranger, despite her disability. The visitation will be held on Sunday, January 5, 2020 from 6:00pm until 9:00pm at The RIEMANN FAMILY FUNERAL HOME, 9113 Kiln-Delisle Rd., Pass Christian. The Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Monday, January 6, 2020 at 11:00am at Annunciation Catholic Church, with a visitation beginning at 9:00am in the church. Burial will follow at Bayou CoCo Cemetery. An online guestbook may be signed and condolences and photos may be shared at www.riemannfamily.com.



JEANNE REID

Jeanne Reid, Ruth Jeanne Walker Reid, was born to John W. and Rubye Mae Davis Walker on August 18, 1947 in Poplarville, Mississippi. At an early age, her family moved to the Smithtown community in Stone County. Jeanne was a 1965 graduate of Sone County High School. In 1968, she married Frank H. Reid of Carnes, Mississippi. Her employment included various banking and financial institutions including six years with the Bank of Wiggins and several banks in Louisiana where she and her family lived. After retiring, Jeanne and Frank moved back to Mississippi and settled in the Lakeshore community where

she passed away in her sleep on December 25, 2019 at the age of 72. Jeanne was preceded in death by her father, John Walker and sister, Jeannette Walker. She is survived by her husband of 51 years, Frank H. Reid; son Jeffery (Nicole) of Baton Rouge; grandson Caleb and granddaughter Emily; her mother Rubye Walker; sisters Geneva Cain and Jessie Davis; aunts Rena Gerald and Lena Walker; numerous cousins, nieces and nephews; and friends. A Christian wake will be held Monday, December 30th from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. at Moore Funeral Home with a memorial service to follow at 10:00 a.m. Burial will be at Resthaven Gardens in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

SUSAN DARLENE RUBIO

Susan Darlene Rubio, 62, of Bay St. Louis, MS passed away Wednesday, December 25, 2019 in Bay St. Louis, MS. She was a wonderful and loving daughter, wife, mother and grandmother who will be sadly missed by her family and friends. She was preceded in death by her father, Joseph Claude Shubert, Sr. She is survived by her husband, Keith Rubio, Sr. of Bay St. Louis; two sons, Keith Rubio, Jr. and Travis Rubio (Donna)



all of Bay St. Louis; daughter, Amanda Turner (Jim) of Pass Christian; mother, Willie Marie Shubert of Lakeshore, MS; brother, Joseph Claude Shubert, Jr. of Lakeshore and five grandchildren, Aden Sando

of Pass Christian, Emmarie Turner of Pass Christian, Lane Rubio of Waveland, Leah Rubio and Lucas Rubio both of Bay St. Louis. Visitation will be held Friday, January 3, 2020 at Bay St. Louis Community Hall at 301 Blaize Avenue, Bay St. Louis from 10:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. with a prayer service at 2:00 p.m. Interment to follow at Bayou LaCroix Cemetery in Bay St. Louis. Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis is in charge of the arrangements.

MALCOLM JOSEPH VEAZEY

Malcolm Joseph Veazey was entrusted into God's loving care on Sunday, December 22, 2019, after a sudden brain injury. Malcolm was born in Lafayette, Louisiana. He was a 1957 graduate of Lafayette High. Malcolm served in the US Navy aboard the USS Saratoga. He was in grocery management for many years before retiring from Prudential Insurance. Malcolm and Rusty moved to the Bay St. Louis, Mississippi area to pursue their hobbies of sailing and fishing. Malcolm and Rusty enjoyed long rides on the beach. A devoted Catholic, Malcolm attended daily mass at Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church where he served with the Knights of Columbus and attended weekly adoration. He was a wonderful and loving son, husband, father, brother, grandfather, great-grandfather, and friend who will be sadly missed by his family and friends. He is survived by his wife of 58 years Russeline "Rusty" Veazey; sons, Tony Veazey and wife Becky, Russell "Chuck" Veazey and wife Rene; grand-

children, Brannon Veazey and wife Maegan, Cameron Veazey and wife Sarah, Justin Veazey, and Gracie Veazey; great grandchildren Braylon Veazey and EmmaRae Veazey; and his sister Ethel Perry. Join our family in celebrating his life. Visitation will be Saturday, January 4, 2020, from 8:30-9:30 am at Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church. Rosary will be led by the KC at 9:30 with Mass at 10:00 am. Reception to follow at OLG Christian Life Center. In lieu of flowers, Malcolm was an avid gardener and would have loved for something to be planted in your yard in his memory. Edmond Fahey Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.



CHARLES LEE "CHUCK" WAGNER

Charles Lee "Chuck" Wagner, 73, of Long Beach, Mississippi, passed away at home on December 22, 2019. Charles was born to the late Bess Clark and Lewis Wagner on October 21, 1946, in Kingston, Pennsylvania. He spent his childhood in Bay St. Louis, graduating from Bay St. Louis High School in 1964. He served in the U.S. Air Force from 1966 to 1969, and was honorably discharged with the rank of Sergeant. Following his military service, Charles returned to the Gulf Coast and met Elizabeth (Libby) Cornell, his cherished wife of 41 years, in a college English class. They settled in Long Beach and started a



family that was the center of their life. He was ever-present in his children's lives, often coaching their teams or cheering from the audience. Once they were grown, his pride spilled over to his grandchildren, who affectionately know him as Pop Pop. Charles was preceded in death by his brother James. He is survived by his wife Libby; his brother Lewis (Laura) Wagner;

his children, Anna (Scott) St. John, Shannon (Jim) Simmons, Derek (Deirdre Lyons), Keith, and Morgan (Chris) Patterson; and seven grandchildren, Charles, Elizabeth, and Anna Douglas St. John; Thomas and Philip Wagner; and Tyler and Catherine Simmons. A funeral service will be held on Friday, December 27, at St. Thomas Catholic Church in Long Beach at 11:00 with visitation beginning one hour prior at 10:00. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Elementary School. Bradford-O'Keefe Funeral Home, Gulfport is in charge of arrangements. View and sign register book at www.bradfordokeefe.com.

Secretary of State Seeks Declaratory and Injunctive Relief From Federal Government for Illegal Release of Water into Mississippi Sound, Part of Public Trust Tidelands

SEA COAST ECHO

Secretary of State Delbert Hosemann, in his official capacity as trustee of the Public Trust Lands, filed suit today against the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) and the Mississippi River Commission (MRC) on behalf of the citizens on the Mississippi Gulf Coast and all people in Mississippi, alleging an illegal release of water into the Mississippi Sound from the repeated opening of the Bonnet Carré Spillway. "As State Land Commissioner and trustee of the Public Trust Lands, it is my duty to protect Mississippi's land, its water and its resources," stated Secretary Delbert Hosemann. "The infiltration of freshwater into the Mississippi Sound as a result of solely opening the Bonnet Carré caused devastating effects across the Mississippi Gulf Coast. In addition, this lawsuit does not address the monetary loss to the State and the Coast. This could be addressed in future litigation." The allegations in the complaint, filed in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Mississippi, stem from the unprecedented ecological and economic devastation upon the Mississippi Sound as a result of the diversion of freshwater from the Mississippi River into the Sound from the repeated opening of the Bonnet Carré Spillway this year. The lawsuit specifically addresses the request for a temporary injunction to order the Corps to operate the Bonnet Carré Spillway in conjunction with the Morganza Spillway and to mitigate damage to the Mississippi Gulf Coast. The lawsuit further alleges such action was taken without the benefit of an up-to-date Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), giving no consideration of the environmental impact to the Mississippi Sound and Mississippi's Public Trust Tidelands. As part of the relief sought, the State has asked the Court to compel the Defendants to perform a Supplemental Environmental

Impact Statement as well as to utilize the Morganza Spillway to mitigate the freshwater inundation of the Mississippi Sound in the future. In July, Secretary Hosemann asked the Corps and the MRC 1) to conduct an immediate study of the operating manuals and procedures for both the Morganza Floodway and the Bonnet Carré Spillway and 2) to include as part of the study, the ecological effects and economic impacts of freshwater intrusion into the Mississippi Sound as a result of the current operating procedures. In August, Secretary Hosemann requested additional modeling of the opening of the Morganza Floodway in varying amounts and later in the month testified before the Mississippi River Commission on the annual low-water inspection trip in Vicksburg where he reiterated all of these requests. Additionally, Secretary Hosemann, alongside the Department of Marine Resources, requested an Environmental Impact Study. The Bonnet Carré Spillway has been opened five (5) times since 2011 and was opened twice this year for a total of 123 days, while the Morganza Floodway has been opened twice – in 1973 and 2011. The freshwater intrusion into the Mississippi Sound from the Bonnet Carré Spillway openings negatively impacted our oyster, shrimp, blue crab, and finfish harvests and caused devastating losses to commercial fisherman, charter boat operators, and the tourism industry. Pursuant to state law, Public Trust Tidelands and submerged lands are lands lying under waters naturally subject to tidal influence. The inland boundary is the line of mean high tide and the seaward boundary is the State boundary, three (3) miles south of the barrier islands. Public Trust Tidelands are owned by the State in trust and the Secretary of State serves as the trustee of this public trust. For more information, visit <https://www.sos.ms.gov/Public-Lands/Pages/Public-Trust-Tidelands.aspx>.

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Chuck It in the Crockpot and Call It Dinner

BY LINDA BIGLER
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The crockpot or slow cooker can be a convenient tool for meals prepared with a minimum of stress. There are a few things to keep in mind before venturing along the slow cooker path. Chicken breasts are not as tasty as we would like when prepared in a crockpot. They tend to become dry and overcooked. Most slow cookers, when set on low, usually cook food at a steady 180 degrees which is too overdone for chicken breast. That being said, if you insist on using them; proceed with caution and do not cook as long as the recipe suggests. Of course, this could result in undercooked poultry and gifting your friends and family

with a healthy dose of food poisoning. In addition, I am not fond of recipes that instruct the cook to brown the ingredients in another vessel before placing in the crockpot. What is convenient about having another pan to wash?

SLOW COOKED PORK RIBS

4 pounds country style pork ribs, trimmed

2 teaspoons Creole seasoning

One onion, peeled and chopped

4 cloves garlic, peeled and minced

1 cup brown sugar

One half cup jalapeno pepper jelly*

1 cup ketchup

One half cup lemon juice

One half cup orange juice

2 teaspoons Worcestershire sauce

2 teaspoons Tabasco or

other hot sauce

1 teaspoon black pepper

Cut the ribs apart and rub both sides with the Creole seasoning. Set aside. Combine the remaining ingredients in a bowl; stir until well blended. Pour half of the sauce into a 5 to 6-quart slow cooker, place the ribs over the sauce, then pour the remaining sauce over the ribs. Cover and cook on high for 6 to 7 hours.

*Ghost pepper jelly can be used if you desire more heat.

Serves 4 to 6

The Christmas and New Year's holidays are over until next time. What do we do with that left-over ham bone we have haunting us each time we open the refrigerator? How about a nice bowl of white bean soup? The dried beans do require soaking

overnight, but you can suck it up and take one for the team.

WHITE BEAN SOUP

1-pound white navy beans soaked overnight

1 large onion, peeled and chopped

1 bunch green onions, thinly sliced

4 cloves garlic, peeled and minced

2 tablespoons minced fresh flat-leaf parsley

2 bay leaves

1 teaspoon crushed dried red pepper

1 ham bone

3 to 4 cups cubed ham

2 quarts chicken or vegetable broth

Drain and rinse the soaked beans and place in the slow cooker add the remaining ingredients, stir, and cook on high for one hour. Reduce to low setting and cook an additional 7 to 8 hours. Taste for sea-

soning. Usually it is not necessary to add salt due to the high sodium content in the ham.

Serves 4 to 6

The final recipe is for a vegetable dish which most children refuse to eat. Let the little sweethearts eat cake or chicken nuggets instead.

RATATOUILLE

2 large onions, peeled and coarsely chopped

1 large eggplant peeled and cubed

2 large fresh, ripe tomatoes, peeled and chopped, or one 16 ounce can of tomatoes

3 zucchinis sliced into 1-inch pieces

2 large green bell pepper cored, seeded, and coarsely chopped

6 cloves garlic, peeled and minced

3 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil

3 tablespoons chopped fresh flat leaf parsley

1 teaspoon dried basil

1 teaspoon Tabasco sauce

1 teaspoon salt

One half teaspoon black pepper

One half cup freshly grated Parmesan or Romano cheese

Place all ingredients except grated cheese in a 6-quart slow cooker. Cover and cook on low for 8 hours. Sprinkle with grated cheese and serve.

Serves 8 to 10

Put your feet up, read a book, or take a nap while your appliance does the cooking. Welcome to 2020.

Linda is a contributing writer for the Sea Coast Echo and can be reached at lbigler67@gmail.com.

The Community CALENDAR



DECEMBER 31

- Ring in the New Year with music, fireworks, and a special themed drop. Located on Beach Boulevard across from 200 N. Beach restaurant in Bay St. Louis.
- WW — formerly known as Weight Watchers — will meet Tuesdays at the Hancock County Resource Center, located at 454 Hwy. 90, Waveland, led by Wellness Coach Anne Hale and team. Weigh-in (wellness check-in) at 5 p.m. and the Workshop begins at 5:30 p.m. Invite a friend.

JANUARY 7

- Tuesday, January 7, at 7 p.m. at 307 2nd Avenue in Hattiesburg. The history of intentional communities in Mississippi. Jefferson Davis' older brother experimented with utopian ideas at Davis Bend — later known as Mound Bayou. Grandeur Age Colony was a socialist colony in Gulfport in the late 19th century. Several cooperative farms, intentional Christian communities, and colonies existed in the state during the 20th century. The more recent communities of Camp Sister Spirit and Krishna community,

Govinda Gardens in Carriere, will also be discussed. This program, by Dr. Thomas Kersen, associate professor of sociology at Jackson State University, is presented courtesy of the Mississippi Humanities Council. All meetings are free and open to the public. The Genealogy Library is open Saturdays 9:00-2:00, Wednesdays, 9:00-1:00, and at 6:00 p.m. before monthly meetings. Experienced genealogy researchers will help you find your family roots. For more information contact Kathy Goss at 601-549-3983 or email smghs2017@gmail.com.- WW — formerly known as Weight Watchers — will meet Tuesdays at the Hancock County Resource Center, located at 454 Hwy. 90, Waveland, led by Wellness Coach Anne Hale and team. Weigh-in (wellness check-in) at 5 p.m. and the Workshop begins at 5:30 p.m. Invite a friend.

JANUARY 16

- T h e monthly luncheon meeting of the Hancock County Historical Society is scheduled for Thursday, Jan. 16, at noon at the Kate Lobrano House. The speak-

er will be Charles Gray, executive director of the Hancock County Historical society, who will present "A Sentimental Journey." Reservations are required and may be made by calling 467-4090. Please call by noon on Wednesday, Jan. 15, to make your reservation in order to help organizers plan seating, which is limited to 54 people; and to apprise them of the number of lunches to order. Lunch is \$14 for members and \$15 for non-members, payable at the door, and will be catered by Almost Home Catering, Michelle Nichols, chef. The lunch menu is chicken in white wine sauce, garlic mashed potatoes, Caesar salad, yeast rolls and blueberry cream cheese dessert.

JANUARY 17

- Bay St. Louis Little Theatre is holding auditions for "A Man for All Seasons" by Robert Bolt that opens on April 30. Auditions are on Friday, January 17 at 7 p.m. and Saturday, January 18 at 10:30am. Roles for 3 to 6 women and 8 to 10 men. The part of Sir Thomas Moore has been cast. Director, Gary Taylor. Call 228-467-9064 for more information.

January 24

- Bay St. Louis Little Theatre opens comedy "FARCE OF NATURE" on January 24th. Hilarious comedy of the Wilburn family who runs an inn in Mayhew, Arkansas. Sold out audiences last season for the prequel. January 24, 25, 31, and February 1 at 8pm. January 26 and February 2 at 2pm. Call 228-467-9024 for more information. For tickets go to bsllt.org or at LuLu's at 126 Main Street or at Bijouel at 136 Main Street.

JANUARY 27

- Join us for Homeschool Monday: Engineering as we explore concepts and engage in hands on activities!Activities are geared for homeschoolers ages 12 and under, but of course everyone is welcome! Homeschool Monday activities will be held from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.Special Lab: Rube-Goldberg (Ages 11 and up)Learn about simple machines, conservation of energy, and chain reactions. We will use simple machines to build a Rube-Goldberg device to perform a simple task using a very complicated process.

The cost for this class is \$3 per student and must be paid online in advance. Admission fee of \$9 per person is to be paid at upon arrival. This class is for ages 11 and up and is open to 20 participants. The class will run from 9:30 a.m. to approximately 10:30 a.m. on January 27 as a part of Engineering Home School Monday. If you have any questions please contact dtorres@visitinfinity.com. Present your registration receipt to the admissions counter for \$9 Homeschool Monday admission. All payments are due upon arrival. By attending this event you consent to INFINITY Science Center's photography policy.

FEBRUARY 15

- Who will win the key to the room? That's the buzz around Holy Trinity Catholic School (HTCS) in Bay St. Louis these days. Holy Trinity will launch its fundraising event, Coastal Charm, on Saturday, February 15, 2020, featuring "The Room." According to HTCS PTO President Julie Holmes, "The Room," valued at more than \$10,000, will be furnished exclusively by businesses along the Gulf Coast with furniture and accessories fitting the Coastal Charm theme. Raffle tickets are \$100 and only 150 will be available for purchase. One lucky winner will be drawn the night of the event. The Coastal Charm event will also host live music, a

silent auction, beverages and food. The event will be held from 7-11 p.m. at Our Lady of the Gulf Community Center on Beach Boulevard in Bay St. Louis. Holmes adds, "This is a Coast-wide event so we are encouraging participation with all of our Coast communities." Room raffle tickets and event admission tickets can be purchased on the school website https://www.holytrinity-catholic.net or by calling the school office at 228-467-5158. Holy Trinity Catholic School, an elementary school located in Bay St. Louis, is committed to teaching and modeling Catholic Christian morals and values in a safe, caring and respectful environment that supports academic excellence and fosters a love of learning.

APRIL 25, 2020

- B a y Senior High School Class of 1970 has scheduled its 50th class reunion. All classmates and friends of the class are invited to call Cheryl at 228-206-0432 for more information.

Disclaimer: Events featured on the calendar page are printed at no charge and space permitting. Please keep submissions limited to about 100 words or less. Submissions are limited to community, educational, churches and non-profit organizations. Please submit your calendar entries electronically to gbelcher@seacoastecho.com.

Hancock Resource Center's Holiday Assistance Program

SEA COAST ECHO

Due to a remarkable outpouring of generosity and support from the Hancock County community, Hancock Resource Center's Holiday Assistance Programs were a phenomenal success.

Registrants for the Salvation Army Angel Tree, Teen Angel, and Toys for Tots programs were each adopted and received wonderful gifts from their wish lists and beyond. This was achieved through individuals adopting Angels one by one in addition to local businesses requesting several children's Angel lists for employees to assemble desired items collectively. Dozens of little ones and teens

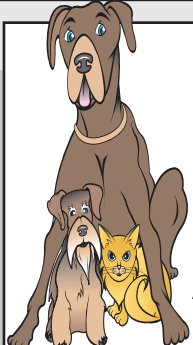
woke up Christmas morning to find that Santa had arrived with the presents they so wished for, all due to the kindness and holiday spirit shown by their neighbors.

A tree in the Hancock Resource Center's lobby was continually updated with Angels to be adopted, as well as cards for another holiday assistance program known as Santa's Families. This program was designed to further establish recently housed individuals and families, whose needs were assessed and verified by case-workers at Hancock Resource Center, by providing basic household items and furnishings. Most commonly requested items included towels, pots and pans, household cleaners, gift cards, and warm clothing. Many

homeless veterans, individuals, parents and children will enter 2020 sheltered, cared for, and in the process of getting back on their feet.

Volunteers and Hancock Resource Center staff were overwhelmed and humbled by the efforts of those that brought Christmas to people who would otherwise have gone without. It was an incredible experience and conveyed a great deal about the values of the Hancock County community.

The Hancock Resource Center remains in need of community support year-round. To learn more information or inquire as to how you can supplement our services in 2020 please call 228-463-8887 or email rrhodes@hancockhrc.org.



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DEVOTIONAL PAGE

WHAT LIES BEFORE US IS MUCH BIGGER THAN THE PAST BY GARY ANDREWS

I once heard an analogy that really makes a lot of sense. Someone was giving driving instructions to a student when the student quizzed the instructor about knowing who or what is behind them. The instructor stated that it is important to know where you have been and what you have seen, but it is more important to know what lies in front of you. He then said, “This is why you have a great big windshield in front of you and a small rearview mirror for you to see behind you. It is much more important to know and see where you are going instead of focusing on where you have been.” This is so true, especially in our evaluation of life. We may be judged or we may judge others on their past instead of trying to help them visualize a brighter

tomorrow. I know in my lifetime and I am sure that you have done this as well, I have said, “If only I had tried or acted in a different manner or a different way.” There is much to be said about this however there is nothing that can be done about it. You have today to correct your mistakes or forgive and help someone overcome a checkered past. None of us are perfect and never will be. The only hope we have is to see tomorrow and be ready for the Lord’s coming. We can’t change yesterday but we can adjust our lives today and be ready for the rapture. Knowing Christ personally is the only eternal gift that we will ever need and have. Everyone makes mistakes and the ones we have made in the past are done with. We may have misspoken about someone,

hurt someone, or damaged our self and our reputation by bad habits we have had, but today is new and we can forgive and ask for forgiveness. We need to look forward through the big windshield of hope and not dwell on the small images of the past. Prayer: Father God, thank you for the assurance you have given me of eternal life with you. I pray that if I have wronged someone that I will go to them and ask for forgiveness. Amen. Gary Andrews is the author of Encouraging Words: 30-days in God’s Word. To obtain a copy send a check or money order for \$15.00 to Gary Andrews at 504 Enchanted Drive, Yazoo City, MS 39194.

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SUNDAY – PROVERBS 20:24
MONDAY – JAMES 4:13-17
TUESDAY – PSALM 55:1-8
WEDNESDAY – EPHESIANS 1:3-12
THURSDAY – ISAIAH 14:24-27
FRIDAY – 1 PETER 1:3-5
SATURDAY – JEREMIAH 29:10-14

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WHEREAS, the aforesaid, Administrator of the U.S. Small Business Administration, the holder of said deed of trust and the note secured thereby, substituted Underwood Law Firm PLLC, as Trustee therein, as authorized by the terms thereof, by instrument dated December 29, 2019 and recorded in the Office of the aforesaid Chancery Clerk in Book 2019 at Page 26694; and

WHEREAS, default having been made in the terms and conditions of said deed of trust and the entire debt secured thereby, having been declared to be due and payable in accordance with the terms of said deed of trust, and the legal title of said indebtedness of the Administrator of the U.S. Small Business Administration, having requested the undersigned Substituted Trustee to execute the trust and sell said land and property in accordance with the terms of said deed of trust for the purpose of raising the sums due thereunder, together with attorney's fees, Substituted Trustee's fees and expenses;

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WITNESS OUR SIGNATURE, this the 16th day of December, 2019.

Underwood Law Firm PLLC
SUBSTITUTED TRUSTEE

Control# Barrett, James/NAMG
01/15/20 11/25/19 01/01/20 01/08/20

The City of St. Louis, Missouri, is soliciting bids for a primary banking relationship with a major bank that operates a branch within the city limits. The bank must comply with all applicable rules and regulations in the revised Code of the State of Mississippi. The City intends to enter into a contract for services with the successful bidder effective April 1, 2020 until March 31, 2022. The services required and the estimated volumes are outlined below. The agreement may be cancelled by mutual agreement with ninety (90) day notice of either party.

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The contract is intended to be offered to the lowest responsive and most favorable combination of cost and services as determined at the sole discretion of the City. The City may reject all proposals.

Determination of qualification is solely at the discretion of the City. No promise to contract under any set of conditions is intended to be made orally or implied herein by the City of Bay St. Louis.

12/25/19, 01/01/20, 01/08/20

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
ALTON LONNIE BRANNEN, DECEASED
CAUSE NO.: 23CHI: 19-cv-00358-MA
EVELYN DIANA BALLARD, PETITIONER

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION
STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

TO: Any and all unknown heirs-at-law of Alton Lonnie Brannen, deceased whose place of residence, street and post office address are unknown to Petitioner after diligent search and inquiry.

You have been made a Defendant in a Petition to Determine Heirs filed in this Court by Evelyn Diana Ballard, Petitioner, seeking the determination of heirs at law of Alton Lonnie Brannen, deceased. Defendants other than you in this action are: any person with a claim as an heir-at-law or wrongful death beneficiary of Alton Lonnie Brannen.

You are summoned to appear and defend against the complaint or petition filed against you in this action at 10:00 a.m. on the 9th day of January, 2020, in the courtroom of the Harrison County Courthouse, in Gulfport, Mississippi, and in case of your failure to appear and defend, a judgment will be entered against you for the money or other things demanded in the complaint or petition.

You are not required to file an answer or pleading but you may do so if you desire.

ISSUED under my hand and the seal of said Court, this 16th day of December, 2019.

Timothy A. Keller,
Hancock County Chancery Clerk
Bridgette Landrum, D.C.

Publication Dates: 12/18/19, 12/25/19,
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UNKNOWN HEIRS OF GAIL H. HULSE;
JACOB GREEN; ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS
OF JACOB GREEN; HANCOCK COUNTY,
MISSISSIPPI; JOEL SMITH, IN HIS
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MISSISSIPPI, WHICH WAS SOLD FOR
HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI AD
VALOREM TAXES ON AUGUST 31, 2011
VIZ: LOT 906 HERRON BAY EST
B122-787 SEC 00 TWP 00 RANGE 00
PARCEL 202D-104-020.000

NOTICE

This is a summary of the ESTATE OF CHARLES D. CIBIC, a decedent, and I confirm title to that certain property legally described as: **LOT 96 HERRON BAY EST BB12-787 SEC 00 TWP 00 RANGE 00 PARCEL 202D-10-04-020.000**

The Estate of Charles David Cibic, obtained its interest in the subject property by virtue of the death of Charles D. Cibic who acquired the property by Chancery Clerk's Conveyance dated November 6, 2013 and recorded on 11-07-2013 in Book 2013 at Page 13409 in the Office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi.

If you have a legal or equitable claim or interest in this property, you are required to mail or hand-deliver a copy of your response to the prothonotary and the Courtroom Clerk and For Other Relief to the attorney for Plaintiffs, **Negrotto & Associates, PLLC, c/o Lewie G. "Skip" Negrotto, IV, the attorney for Plaintiffs, whose post office address is 133 Davis Avenue, Ste. L, Pass Christian, MS 39571. YOUR RESPONSE MUST BE MAILED OR DELIVERED WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS FROM THE DAY OF DECEMBER 19, 2015 IS THE DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS SUMMONS.** IF YOUR RESPONSE IS NOT SO MAILED OR DELIVERED, A JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT WILL BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE RELIEF DEMANDED IN THE COMPLAINT.

You must also file the original of your response with the Clerk of this Court within a reasonable time after ward. The address of the Clerk of this Court is 152 Main Street, Suite A, Bay St. Louis, MS 39520

Timothy A. Kellar, Chancery Clerk
Hancock County, Mississippi
DATED: December 20, 2015
BY: Cassie Tribble
DEPUTY CLERK

Publish Three (3) times: 12/25/15, 01/01/2016, 01/08/2016

Notice is hereby given that on the 20th day of August 2019, Kilm Utility and Fire District of Hancock County, P.O. Box 508, Kilm, MS 39556, filed renewal application
NO. MS-GW-02895 for a permit to continue to divert or withdraw the public waters of the State of Mississippi for beneficial use from the Lower Graham Ferry Aquifer, in the County of Hancock, for Public Water System purposes, subject to existing rights, the following amount of water at the indicated location:
PERMIT #
MS-GW-02895
VOLUME
0.00 MGD
RATE
200 GPM
LOCATION
SW, NW, SECTION 30, T07S, R14W
Any person, firm, association, or corporation, deeming that the granting of the above application will be truly detrimental to their rights, may utilize the waters of said source, may protest in writing to the Permit Board of the State of Mississippi, ATTN: Chris Hawkins, PO Box 2309, Jackson, Mississippi 39225, setting forth all reasons why said application should not be approved. Letters of protest must be received within ten (10) days following publication date.
If protested, the application will be taken for consideration by the Permit Board of the State of Mississippi in its offices at 515 East Amite Street, Jackson, Mississippi, on or after, **Tuesday, the 11th day of February 2020**, at which time all interested persons may appear and be heard by the Permit Board.
OFFICE OF LAND AND WATER RESOURCES
Chris Hawkins, P.E.
Chief, Permitting, Certification, and Compliance Division
01/01/20

of St. Louis located at 801 Turner St., Bay St. Louis MS 39520 intends to hold a public sale to sell the property stored in the following units stored at the facility. The public sale will occur at an online auction via www.storageauctions.com on 1/21/2020 at 9:30 AM. Unless stated otherwise the description of the contents are household goods and furnishings. Aaron Fildesoelter Unit #1007; Anthony Treasur Henderson Unit #6007; Jacob Moss Unit #6045. All property is being stored at the above self-storage facility. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions apply. See manager for details. 01/01/20, 01/08/20

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
PETER J. BENVENUTTI
CAUSE NO.: 23CH1:19-cv-711 CB
CHARLES B. BENVENUTTI
EXECUTOR**

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
HANCOCK COUNTY

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters Testamentary having been granted on the 6th day of December, 2019, by the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi, to Charles B. Benvenuti, as the Estate of Peter J. Benvenuti, deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said Estate to present the same to the Clerk of said Court for Probate and registered according to law within 90 days from this date, or they will be forever barred on the 30th day of December, 2019.

s/Charles Benvenuti
**CHARLES B. BENVENUTTI
CLEMENT S. BENVENUTTI**
Post Office Box 2718
Bay St. Louis, Mississippi 39521
(228) 467-0742
MS BAR NO. 2435

12/18/19, 12/25/19, 01/01/19

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The Sea Coast Echo
467-5473
Mon - Fri: 8am - 5pm

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF
HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
EARNEST CHARLES SAUCIER,
DECEASED
CAUSE NO. 23CCHI19-cv-00621-MA,
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters Testamentary having been granted on the 16th day of December, 2019, by the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi to the undersigned Executrix upon the Estate of Earnest Charles Saucier, deceased, notice is hereby given to any and all persons or corporate entities having claims of this Court for probate and registration according to the law within ninety (90) days of the date of publication of this notice or they will be forever barred.

This 17th day of December, 2019
/s/ Dianna Lynn Saucier, Executrix
Tony, Brinson & Glorioso, LLC
Eugene J Hoffman, IV
Attorney at Law, My Bar No. 104994
305 Reese St. Bay St Louis, MS 39520
Phone: 228-221-1268
Fax: 228-221-1330
12/25/19, 01/01/20, 01/08/20

COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
IN THE ESTATE OF
MICHAEL J. CUEVAS, SR.
CAUSE NO. 23CH1:19-cv-00578-JP
EXECUTOR NOTICE TO CREDITORS
OF MICHAEL J. CUEVAS, SR.,
Letters Testamentary having been granted on the
12th day of December, 2019, by the
Orphanry Court of Hancock County,
Mississippi, to be understood upon the
estate of MICHAEL J. CUEVAS, SR.,
deceased, notice is hereby given to all
persons having claims against said estate to
present the same to the Clerk of said Court
for Probate and registered according to law
within 90 days from this date, or they will be
forever barred.
This 12th day of December, 2019.
MICHAEL J. CUEVAS, JR.
EXECUTOR
Haas and Haas Attorneys
201 N. Second Street
Bay St Louis, MS 39520
(228) 467-4574
MS Bar No. 5091
12/18/19, 12/25/19, 01/01/20

**IN RE: ESTATE OF
THELMA L. HOPKINS
CAUSE NO. 23CH11-19-cv-00724-MA
EXECUTOR'S NOTICE TO CREDITORS
OF THELMA L. HOPKINS**

Letters Testamentary having been granted on the 12th day of December, 2019, by the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi, to the undersigned upon the estate of THELMA L. HOPKINS, deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to the Clerk of said Court for Probate and registered according to law within 90 days from this date, or they will be forever barred.

This 12th day of December, 2019.
**BARRY S. MORTIMEYER,
EXECUTOR**
Haas and Haas Attorneys
201 N. Second Street
Bay St Louis, MS 39520
(228) 467-4574
MS Bar No. 5091
12/18/19, 12/25/19, 01/01/20

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
TIMOTHY TROY POUNCEY, DECEASED
CAUSE NO. 23C119-cv-579-MA
AMANDA WALDRUP, PETITIONER
SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION
STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

TO: Any and all unknown heirs-at-law of
Timothy Troy Pouncey, deceased whose
place of residence, street and post office
address are unknown to the Petitioner after
diligent search and inquiry.

You have been made a Defendant in a
Petition to Determine Heirs filed in this Court
by Amanda Waldrup, Petitioner, seeking the
determination of heirs at law of Timothy Troy
Pouncey, deceased. Defendants other than you
in this action are: any person with a
claim as an heir-at-law or wrongful death
beneficiary of Timothy Troy Pouncey.

You are summoned to appear and defend
against the complaint or petition filed against
you on or before January 29, 2020 at the
9th day of January, 2020, in the courtroom of
the Harrison County Courthouse, in Gulfport,
Mississippi, and in case of your failure to
appear and defend, a judgment will be
entered against you for the money or other
things demanded in the complaint or petition.

You are not required to file an answer or
pleading but you may do so if you desire.

ISSUED under my hand and the seal of said
Court, this 16th day of December, 2019.

Timothy A. Keller,
Hancock County Chancery Clerk
Bridgette Ladner, D.C.
Publication Dates: 12/18/19, 12/25/19,
01/01/20

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
DARYOL TODD VANYHNING, DECEASED
CAUSE NO. C2301-2019-727(4)
ELIZABETH ALLENE WAYBRIGHT,
PETITIONER
NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

Notice is hereby given that Letters
Testamentary of the Estate of DARYOL
TODD VANYHNING, DECEASED, were
granted to the undersigned by the Chancery
Court of Hancock County, Mississippi, on the
16th day of December, 2019, and all persons
having a claim against said Estate are hereby
warned to present their claims to the Clerk of
said Court and to have them probated and
allowed within ninety (90) days from the date
of the first publication of this notice, failure to
do so will bar the claim.

This the 16th day of December, 2019.
ELIZABETH ALLENE WAYBRIGHT,
Executrix

**RICHARD J. SMITH (MSB # 7590)
MILLER & SMITH**
Post Office Box 370
Gulfport, Mississippi 39502
Telephone (228) 864-2515
Facsimile (228) 868-7702
12/25/19 11/20/20

**THE CHANCERY COURT OF
HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
IN THE MATTER OF THE MINOR
SETTLEMENT OF ZACHARIE PACK
CAUSE NO.C2301-19-693(4)
DENNIS PACK
PETITIONER**

SUMMONS

**(Service by Publication: Residence
Unknown)**

TO: DEORAH A. PACK, whose last known post office and street address and place of residence is unknown to the Petitioner after diligent search and inquiry by him, and whose present whereabouts and present post office and street address are unknown to him after diligent search and inquiry by the Petitioner other than her last known post office and street address of 390 Lawler Road, Long Beach, Mississippi 39560. You have been made a Defendant in a Petition filed in the Chancery Court, of the Hancock County, Mississippi, by DENNIS PACK.

RECEIVED THIS SUMMONS IS
IMPORTANT AND YOU MUST TAKE IMMEDIATE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR RIGHTS.
 You are summoned to appear and defend against said Petition on January 15, 2020, at 9:00 a.m. in the Chancery Courtroom of the Harrison County Courthouse in Biloxi, Mississippi, and in case of your failure to appear and defend, a Judgment will be entered against you for the sum of \$10,000 or other things demanded in the Complaint of the Petition. You are not required to file an Answer or other pleading but you may do so if you desire.
 Issued under my hand and the seal of said Court, this 9th day of December, 2019.
 TIM KELLAR,
 CHANCERY COURT CLERK
 HARRISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
 BY: BRIDGETTE W. GARDNER, D.C.
 DEPUTY CLERK (SEAL)
 PUBLICATION DATES:
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
CAUSE NO. 12-0459
HANCOCK BANK
PLAINTIFF
VS.
RODNEY LADNER, SR. AND
NORMAN J. LADNER
DEFENDANTS

entered a final judgment, in favor of plaintiff Hancock Bank against defendants Rodney J. Ladd and J. L. Ladd, Jr. Ladd, in the principal amount of \$71,167.36 plus attorneys' in the amount of \$17,791.84, for a total amount of \$88,959.20 as of February 4, 2013, plus post-judgment interest per day until paid in full, and

WHEREAS, on August 1, 2019, Hancock Bank assigned the judgment to Edgeland Holdings, LLC.

WHEREAS, the balance due on said judgment as of October 15, 2019, is no less than \$88,959.20; and

WHEREAS, Plaintiff further submits that Norman Laddir owns a certain real estate ("Subject Property") located in Hancock County, Mississippi, more particularly described as:

Beginning at the SE Corner of the SW 1/4 of the NE 1/4, Section 27, Township 6, Range 14 West, Section North 660 feet, thence West 250 feet to the center line of a creek; then following the meanderings of the center line of said creek in a Southwesterly direction 700 feet, more or less, to the South Line of said SE 1/4 of the NE 1/4; thence East 400 feet to the point of beginning; containing 4 acres, or less, and lying and being situated in the SW 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of Section 27, Township 6, Range 14 West.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD, with all improvements situated thereon and all appurtenances thereunto belonging,

Circuit Clerk of Hancock County issued the Writ of Execution for the Sale of the Subjected Property to the highest bidder for cash, and WHEREAS, Norman Ladner must satisfy the judgment held by Edgeline Holdings, LLC, minus credits for amounts appropriated to the judgment balance, on or before the date of sale, or her rights in the property will forever be terminated, and WHEREAS, Norman Ladner will pay Edgeline Holdings, LLC the amount necessary to satisfy the balance of the judgment before 11:00 a.m. on the 17th day of January, 2020.

THEN IN THAT EVENT, the Hancock County Sheriff or any other authorized officer of the Hancock County Sheriff's office, will offer for sale and will sell at public outcry on **January 17, 2020**, the above-described property to the highest bidder for cash, at 11:05 a.m. or as soon thereafter as the Sheriff of Hancock County or his deputy may appear with a representative of the plaintiff Edgeline Holdings, LLC, in the main entrance of the Hancock County Courthouse, located at 152 Main Street, Bay St. Louis, MS 39520.

AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE SALE, and upon receipt of the highest bid and payment in cash or certified funds, or other form of approved payment of the bid price, a Sheriff's representative of the Sheriff's office will be executed to the highest bidder.

PARTIES INTERESTED in bidding on the Subject Property may contact Ben H. Harris, III, Attorney for Plaintiff, at any time prior to the sale, for further information concerning the sale, by calling 251-432-1414.

Witness my hand and the seal of December, 2019.

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RE-NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

WHEREAS, On February 4, 2013, this Court entered final judgment, in favor of plaintiff Hancock Bank against defendants Rodney J. Ladner, Sr., and Norman J. Ladner, in the principal amount of \$71,167.36 plus attorneys' in the amount of \$17,791.84, for a total of \$88,959.20 as of February 4, 2013, plus post-judgment interest per day until paid in full, and

WHEREAS, on August 1, 2019, Hancock Bank assigned the judgment to Edgefield Hotels LLC

WHEREAS, the balance due on said judgment as of October 15, 2019, is no less than \$88,959.20;

WHEREAS, the defendant(s) hereby submits that Norman J. Ladner owns a certain real estate ("Subject Property") located in Hancock County, Mississippi, more particularly

feet, more or less, to a pin which is the SW corner of the property of Marlene H. Daniel, et al., described in Case No. page 889, then running North 726 feet, more or less, to the South line of property conveyed by Ares J. Jr., Hoda, Sr., and Catherine Hoda Necaise to Ares J. Hoda, Jr., then running West 609 feet, more or less, to the NW corner of said land, then running North 726 feet, more or less, to the place of beginning, containing 11.55 acres, more or less, and being part of the NE 1/4 of the SE 1/4, Section 28, Township 6 North, Range 14 West, Hancock County, Mississippi.

Together with all improvements situated thereon and all appurtenances thereunto belonging.

Case No. 058-0-28-021-001

AND WHEREAS, on October 17, 2019, the Circuit Clerk of Hancock County issued the Writ of Execution for the sale of the Subject Property to the highest bidder for cash; and

WHEREAS, Norman Ladner must satisfy the debt of the Subject Property to Edgefield Holdings, LLC, minus credits for amounts appropriated to the judgment balance, on or before the date of sale, or her rights in the property will forever be terminated; and

WHEREAS, Norman Ladner fail to pay Edgefield Holdings, LLC the amount necessary to satisfy the balance of the judgment before 11:00 a.m. on the 17th day of January, 2020.

AT THE COURT EVENT, the Hancock County Sheriff, or any other authorized officer of Hancock County Sheriff's office, will offer for sale and will sell at public outcry on **January 17, 2020**, the above-described property to the highest bidder for cash, at 11:05 a.m. or as soon thereafter as the Sheriff of Hancock County or his deputy may appear with a representative of the plaintiff Edgefield Holdings, LLC at the main entrance of the Hancock County Courthouse, located at 1528 North Main Street, Hancock, Mississippi.

AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE SALE, and upon receipt of the highest bid and payment in cash or certified funds, or other form of approved payment of the bid price, a Sheriff's Office representing the Subject Property will be executed to the highest bidder.

PARTIES INTERESTED in bidding on the Subject Property may contact Ben H. Harris, III, Attorney for Plaintiff, at any time prior to the date of the public information concerning the sale, by calling (251) 431-1414.

Dated, this the 16th day of December, 2019.

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**NOTICE OF
ABANDONED VEHICLES**

The following vehicles will be
sold starting January 18, 2020
at the location listed below.

2002 MERCEDES CLK
VIN# WDBLK70G42T106044
1999 INFINITI I30
VIN# JNKCA21AXXT778245

BIGG BOY STATUS TOWING LLC
17049 RD 424
KILN, MS 39556
228-254-5139

1/1; 1/8/20

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WHEREAS, On August 1, 2019, Hancock Bank assigned the judgment to Edgefield Holdings, LLC.

WHEREAS, the balance due on said Judgment as of October 15, 2019, is no less than \$88,959.20; and

WHEREAS, Plaintiff further submits that Rodney Ladner owns a certain real estate ("Subject Property") located in Hancock County, Mississippi, more particularly described as:

Lot 9, ROCKY HILL ACRES SUBDIVISION, Hancock County, Mississippi, as per the official plat of said subdivision on file in the office of the Clerk of the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi.

Together with all improvements situated thereon and all appurtenances thereunto belonging.

Parcel No. 059-0-27-003.008

AND WHEREAS, On October 17, 2019 the Circuit Clerk of Hancock County issued the Writ of Execution for the sale of the Subject Property to the highest bidder for cash; and

WHEREAS, Rodney Ladner must satisfy the judgment held by Edgefield Holdings, LLC, minus credits for amounts appropriated to the judgment balance, on or before the date of sale, or her rights in the property will forever be terminated, and

WHEREAS, should Rodney Ladner fail to pay Edgefield Holdings, LLC the amount necessary to satisfy the balance of the judgment before 11:00 a.m. on the 17th day of January, 2020,

THEN IN THAT EVENT, the Hancock County Sheriff, or any other authorized officer of the Hancock County Sheriff's office, will offer for sale and will sell at public outcry on **January 17, 2020** the above-described property to the highest bidder for cash, at 11:05 a.m. or as soon thereafter as the Sheriff of Hancock County or his deputy may appear with a representative of the plaintiff Edgefield Holdings, LLC at the main front steps of the Hancock County Courthouse, located at 152 Main Street, Bay St. Louis, MS 39520.

AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE SALE, and upon receipt of the highest bid and payment in cash or certified funds, or other form of approved payment of the bid price, a Sheriff's Deed conveying the Subject Property will be executed to the highest bidder.

PARTIES INTERESTED in bidding on the Subject Property may contact Ben H. Harris, III, Attorney for Plaintiff, at any time prior to the sale, for further information concerning the sale, by calling 251-432-1414.

Dated, this the 16th of December, 2019.

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Together with all improvements situated thereon and all appurtenances thereunto belonging.

Parcel No. 059-0-27-005.004

AND WHEREAS, On October 17, 2019 the Circuit Clerk of Hancock County issued the Writ of Execution for the sale of the Subject Property to the highest bidder for cash; and

WHEREAS, Rodney Ladner must satisfy the judgment held by Edgefield Holdings, LLC, minus credits for amounts appropriated to the judgment balance, on or before the date of sale, or her rights in the property will forever be terminated, and

WHEREAS, should Rodney Ladner fail to pay Edgefield Holdings, LLC the amount necessary to satisfy the balance of the judgment before 11:00 a.m. on the 17th day of January, 2020,

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Dated, this the 16th day of December, 2019.

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WHEREAS, On August 1, 2019, Hancock Bank assigned the judgment to Edgefield Holdings, LLC.

WHEREAS, the balance due on said Judgment as of October 15, 2019, is no less than \$88,959.20; and

WHEREAS, Plaintiff further submits that Rodney Ladner owns a certain real estate ("Subject Property") located in Hancock County, Mississippi, more particularly described as:

That portion of the West Half of the SE 1/4 of Section 3, Township 7 South, Range 15 West lying East of Cuevas Town Road and South of Highway 43, Hancock County, Mississippi, containing 35.55 acres more or less.

Together with all improvements situated thereon and all appurtenances thereunto belonging.

Parcel No. 072-0-03-030.001

AND WHEREAS, On October 17, 2019 the Circuit Clerk of Hancock County issued the Writ of Execution for the sale of the Subject Property to the highest bidder for cash; and

WHEREAS, Rodney Ladner must satisfy the judgment held by Edgefield Holdings, LLC, minus credits for amounts appropriated to the judgment balance, on or before the date of sale, or her rights in the property will forever be terminated, and

WHEREAS, should Rodney Ladner fail to pay Edgefield Holdings, LLC the amount necessary to satisfy the balance of the judgment before 11:00 a.m. on the 17th day of January, 2020,

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LEGAL NOTICE
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
FOR PROFESSIONAL
PEST CONTROL SERVICES
CITY OF WAVELAND

The City of Waveland requests proposals for Professional Services for pest and rodent control services to occur every other month. The pest and rodent control will be for the following City owned properties:

City Hall/City Hall Annex 301 Coleman Ave. Waveland, MS 39576
South Side Fire Department 307 Coleman Ave. Waveland, MS 39576
Central Fire Department 422 Hwy 90 Waveland, MS 39576
Police Department 1602 McLaurin St. Waveland, MS 39576
Public Works Buildings 322 Gulfside St., Waveland, MS 39576
Waveland Civic Center/Museum 335 Coleman Ave. Waveland, MS 39576

This proposal will be for the calendar year from January, 2020 to January 2021. The every other month (EOM) service will include control of (but not limited to) the following common structure infesting pests such as cockroaches, ants, silverfish, spiders, earwigs, millipedes, centipedes, crickets, pill bugs, and sow bugs. Preventative control of Norway rats, roof rats and house mice are to be included in this proposal.

Insect control not included in this proposal are bedbugs, fleas, mosquitoes and gnats (midges and small flies).

State of Mississippi licenses, bond and proof of liability insurance on the amount of one million dollars should be included in your proposal.

This proposal should include in the EOM service a guarantee service that there shall be no charge if a pest problem should arise in between the EOM service period.

A response time of four (4) hours is required to any insect of rodent activity that may arise. Quoted Prices are as follows:

SITE

1. City Hall/City Hall Annex
2. Southside Fire Department
3. Central Fire Department
4. Police Department
5. Public Works Buildings
6. Waveland Civic Center/Museum

E.O.M PRICE

YEARLY TOTAL

YEARLY GRAND TOTAL:

Discount for three (3) year service contract:

Please note that the City of Waveland is tax exempt per Letter Ruling Number: 19-0258

A short list of at least three firms considered to be the most highly qualified to provide the services required will then be notified.

Interviews with these firms will be held to consider anticipated concepts and compare alternative methods for furnishing services. At such time contract negotiation will be held with the most highly qualified firm to determine compensation that is fair and reasonable based on a clear understanding of the project scope, complexity, professional nature, and the estimated value of the services to be rendered. In the event that a contract cannot be negotiated with the most highly qualified firm, negotiations continue in order of qualification.

Sealed proposal should be marked on the outside of the envelope "Professional Pest and Rodent Control Services" and must include one (1) original and five (5) copies. A single copy of current rate schedule for professional services should also be included and placed in a separate sealed envelope marked "Current Rate Sheet" (note: these rates will not be used as part of the selection process but will be included in the contract for services).

Each proposal submitted must follow the previous guidelines and should be submitted by U.S. Mail, overnight service, or hand-delivered no later than 12:00 p.m. on January 22, 2020 to:

City of Waveland
City Clerk, Mickey Lagasse
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Waveland, MS 39576

City of Waveland reserves the right to cancel this RFP at any time without prior notice and to reject and/or all proposals and to waive informalities.

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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF
HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
SIALABAR MANAGEMENT CO., LLC
PLAINTIFF
VERSUSCAUSE NO. 23CH1:19-cv-701 MA
KATHIE S. LINGO, JIM HOOD, in his
capacity as ATTORNEY GENERAL; JOEL
SMITH in his capacity as DISTRICT
ATTORNEY OF HANCOCK COUNTY,
MISSISSIPPI; HANCOCK COUNTY,
MISSISSIPPI; AND ALL OTHER PERSONS,
FIRMS AND CORPORATIONS HAVING OR
CLAIMING ANY LEGAL OR EQUITABLE
INTEREST IN THE FOLLOWING
DESCRIBED LAND SOLD FOR TAXES ON
August 31, 2017, PARCEL

139B-0-29-269.000, KNOWN AS LOTS 39 and 40, BLOCK A, HARBOR ESTATES SUBDIVISION, SECOND ADDITION, IN HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
DEFENDANTS

SUMMONS by PUBLICATION

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
TO: Kathie S. Lingo and All Other Persons, Firms and Corporations Having or Claiming Any Legal or Equitable Interest in the Following Described Land Sold for Taxes on August 31, 2017, PARCEL

139B - 0 - 29 - 269.000, KNOWN AS LOTS 39 and 40, Block A, Harbor Estates Subdivision, Second Addition, Hancock County, Mississippi

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT

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NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE
TRUSTEE'S SALE
STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
COUNTY OF HANCOCK

WHEREAS, default has occurred in the performance of the covenants, terms and conditions of a Deed of Trust dated 8/23/2012, executed by CHARLES EDWARD HARRISON, conveying certain real property therein described to MICHAEL LYON, as Trustee, for ONE REVERSE MORTGAGE, LLC, Original Beneficiary, to secure the indebtedness therein described, as same appears of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi filed and recorded July 10, 2012, in Deed Book 2012, Page 13719; and

WHEREAS, the beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was transferred and assigned to Reverse Mortgage Solutions, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, the undersigned, Rubin Lubin, LLC has been appointed as Substitute Trustee; and

NOW, THEREFORE, the holder of said Deed of Trust, having requested the undersigned so to do, as Substitute Trustee or his duly appointed agent, by virtue of the power, duty and authority vested and imposed upon said Substitute Trustee, on **January 8, 2020** within the lawful hours of sale between 11:00AM and 4:00PM at the front door of the Courthouse proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash or certified funds ONLY, the following described property situated in Hancock County,

LAND SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF HANCOCK IN THE STATE OF MS INDEX AS FOLLOWS:

LOT 41, SQUARE 167, SHORELINE PARK SUBDIVISION, UNIT NO. 7, ADDITION NO. 6, HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, AS PER PLAT 138E-0-28-091.000, KNOWN AS LOTS 35 & 36, SQUARE 800, SHORELINE PARK SUBDIVISION, UNIT #8, IN HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

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AND

LOTS 40 AND 42, SQUARE 16

Baxter named Commodore of Bay- Waveland Yacht Club

BY JAMES KEATING MD

BWYC is pleased to announce the election of its new commodore and flag officers for 2019. The election took place at a special meeting of the Board of Governors which was held on November 21, 2019.

The newly elected flag officers are as follows: John P. Baxter Commodore, Mike Hansen Vice Commodore, Clinton Edwards Rear Commodore, Commodore Zak Fanberg Treasurer, Laurie Gex Fredrickson Secretary.

The twelve member BWYC Board of Governors include the following individuals: Bob Roasmond, Kippy Chamberlain, Laurie Baxter Turfitt, Commodore Randy Santa Cruz, Paul Benoit, Kathie Troendle, Patrick Martinez, Commodore Cary Trapani, Jim Grieshaber, Missy Breath Altese, Martha



John P. Baxter

Heausler, and Amy G. Kramer.

The BWYC General Manager is Ernest LaRocca Jr. CCM CC

This winter John Baxter takes the helm as the sixty-second Commodore of the Bay Waveland Yacht Club. Baxter has been a resident of the Bay most of his life. He is a graduate of St. Stanislas College where he played football and track. He also graduated from the University of Mississippi, and the Graduate School of Banking at the Louisiana

State University.

Baxter has been employed at the Hancock Whitney Bank for the last twenty-five years. He is a Senior Vice President and leads a team of Wealth Management Professionals in both Mississippi and New Orleans. He is on the boards of St. Stanislas Progression Corporation and the Seal Foundation. Baxter is past Chairman of the United Way of South Mississippi, the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce, and the Mississippi Young Bankers Association. In spite of a very busy life, Baxter enjoys the occasional opportunity to go fishing or duck hunting.

Baxter's wife, Jeanne, is an associate broker for John McDonald Realty. Their son, William, is a junior at Country Day School in New Orleans. Their daughter, Rebecca, is a freshman at Our Lady Academy.

2019 Voice of Democracy winners



Photo submitted

Diamondhead VFW Post 2880 Voice of Democracy winners were honored at the annual Post Christmas dinner. Voice of Democracy has been the VFW's premier scholarship program since 1947. Voice of Democracy gives high school students an opportunity to write essays and voice recordings expressing their view on an annual patriotic theme. This year's theme is "What Makes America Great." VFW Post 2880 sponsors students from Hancock High school. The winning students are awarded certificates of achievement, medals and a cash prize. Pictured left to right are Post 2880 Commander Fred Sullivan, state VFW Commander Stephen Trochessett, Bronze medal winner Lindsey Magee, gold medal winner Allen Chatelain, silver medal winner Kaylie Weysham, and Post 2880 Sr. Vice Commander Donald Crosby.

2019 Patriot's Pen winners



Photo submitted

Diamondhead VFW Post 2880 Patriot's Pen winners were honored at the annual Post Christmas dinner. Patriot's Pen is a VFW sponsored youth essay competition giving middle school students an opportunity to write essays expressing their view on an annual patriotic theme. This year's theme is "What Makes America Great." VFW Post 2880 sponsors students from Hancock Middle school. The winning students are awarded certificates of achievement, medals and a cash prize. Pictured left to right are Post 2880 Commander Fred Sullivan, state VFW Commander Stephen Trochessett, Bronze medal winner Emma Atwell, silver medal winner Sara Carver, gold medal winner Christian Biel, and Post 2880 Sr. Vice Commander Donald Crosby.

Mystic Krewe of Seahorse donates to Brenda's House



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Thank you to all who sponsored, donated, or participated in the Seahorse Open Putt Putt Tournament held in November. Krasinda Cuevas accepted the check on behalf of Brenda's House Family Center.

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Reed's #33 to hang in Bay High's Wall of Honor

BY JOSEPH W. GEX, II
STAFF WRITER

Former Bay High Lady Tiger stand-out Christa Reed had her #33 jersey retired and placed on the Wall of Honor at the Bay High Tiger Dome during a ceremony on Friday, December 27th.

Reed, the fourth of four Reed sisters (Stephanie, Kendra, and Tamara) who starred on the hardwood for former Bay High head coach Debbie Triplett and the Lady Tigers, is in her second season of playing professional basketball for Killester of the Irish Super League where she averaged 20 points per game during her rookie year in 2018-19 and was named a second team All-Star. In her high school career at Bay High, Reed scored 3,416 points.

Reed was a three-time

All-South Mississippi Player of the Year, three-time first team All-State selection, two-time Division 8-4A MVP, a North/South All-Star, a Mississippi/Alabama All-Star, a two-time Clarion Ledger Dandy Dozen selection, and 2013 Gatorade Player of the Year. Reed helped lead Bay High to the 2013 Class 4A state title and 36-0 record along with Ole Miss signed Bretta Hart.

She was ranked the 51st best player by ESPN coming out of high school in the country regardless of position and signed to play for Vanderbilt University where she set the career and single-season free throw and three-point field goal percentages as she joined the 1,000-point club.

She shot 44.6% from the three-point arc in 2016-17 and 42.2% for her career



Photo courtesy of Dr. Amy Coyne
Former Bay High Lady Tigers head coach Debbie Triplett (left) and Christa Reed (right) stand at half court during the Wall of Honor ceremony.

and 93.1% from the free throw line in 2017-18 and 83.2% for her career. While at Vanderbilt, Reed also served on the Southeastern Conference Leadership Council.



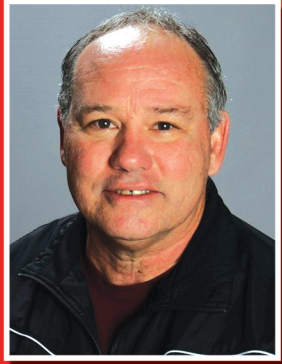
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Bay High Christmas Classic a hit for the holidays

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The Bay High Christmas Classic has been a mainstay for years in between Christmas and New Year's; however, this year there were three overtime games and the retirement of former Bay High Lady Tiger Christa Reed's jersey surrounding the event.

Bay High athletic director Monty Noblitt stated, "This was a great event for the community to enjoy. It continues to promote the game of basketball in our area and we had several outstanding games during the tournament along with honoring one of our all-time greats in Christa Reed."

The two-day event started bright and early on Friday, December 27th and featured seven games each day.

On Friday, the St. Martin Lady Yellow Jackets topped the West Harrison Lady Hurricanes 59-40. Symira Fair and Antonia Bryant each scored 10 points for St. Martin while Simean Fields scored 15 points to pace West Harrison.

The Gautier Gators beat West Harrison in boys action 42-30. The Gators were led by Miller with 15 points and 14 from Watson while Brandon Brock led West Harrison with eight points.

The Pass Christian Pirates beat East Central 66-35 behind Koby Hathorn's 26 points and Andrew Moffett's 18 points. Micah O'Gwin led East Central with 24 points.

The Bay High Lady Tigers beat East Central 41-26 as Katelyn McLain scored 10 points and McKenzie Favre had nine points.

The Gulfport Lady Admirals fell to Gautier 58-55. Jacara Coleman led

Gulfport with 24 points and Callie Cowen paced Gautier with 30 points.

The Pass Christian Lady Pirates beat Lawrence County 35-29 as Cuevas had 10 points for the Lady Pirates while Estuece Doss had 10 for Lawrence County.

The Bay High Tigers came from behind to beat Lawrence County in overtime 66-60. Elijah Curry and Kyren Galloway each scored 24 points in the win. Dada Sutton led Lawrence County with 14 points followed by Jaheim Bell with 12 points.

On the second day of action, West Harrison topped East Central in girls action 45-25. Fields led the charge for West Harrison with 13 points while Lauren Brookes led East Central with eight points.

The Bay High Tigers beat West Harrison but game details were not available.

Lawrence County beat East Central 53-42 behind 16 points from Zavian Bridges and 15 from Sutton. East Central was paced by O'Gwin with 13 points.

St. Martin stretched a 54-51 win in overtime against Lawrence County in girls action. Antalya White led St. Martin with 29 points while LaKendria Walker and Nezhiah Smith each had 14 points for Lawrence County.

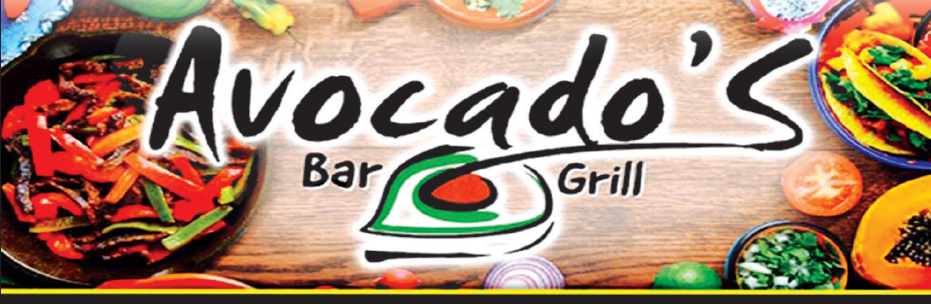
The Lady Tigers of Bay High beat Gautier 53-39. McLain led the charge with 16 points followed by Zarayah Henderson with 13 points. Aleyah Calomese added eight points and 11 rebounds while Gabby Posey chipped in eight rebounds, six assists and five steals.

The Lady Pirates of Pass Christian held on to topple the Lady Admirals of Gulfport 34-33. Gulfport had a chance to either tie or take the lead with less than a second to play but missed

both ends of a two-shot trip to the charity stripe.

Coleman led Gulfport with 12 points while Bell led Pass Christian with 17 points.

Pass Christian doubled up Gautier 60-31 in the final game of the classic. Hathorn led Pass Christian with 16 points followed by Darian Lee with 14 and Xavian Chamberlain with 13 points.



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GAMES ON TAP THIS WEEK

-FRIDAY

- Basketball: Bay High at d'Iberville (girls/boys), 6 p.m./7:30 p.m.
- Basketball: Hancock vs Gautier (girls/boys), 6 p.m./7:30 p.m.
- Basketball: Pass Christian vs Vancleave (girls/boys), 6 p.m./7:30 p.m.
- Basketball: OLA at Tylertown, 7 p.m.
- Basketball: SSC vs Columbia Academy, 7 p.m.
- Soccer: Pass Christian at Moss Point (girls/boys), 5:30 p.m./7 p.m.
- Soccer: I10/I20 Blast, Gulfport Sportsplex, TBA

-SATURDAY

- Basketball: Hancock Lady Hawks at Girls Rock Shootout, Meridian, TBA
- Basketball: Pass Christian Lady Pirates at Petal, TBA
- Soccer: I10/I20 Blast, Gulfport Sportsplex (Bay High, Hancock, OLA, Pass Christian, SSC), TBA

-MONDAY

- Bowling: Hancock at Cypress Lanes, 4 p.m.
- Soccer: Hancock vs Oak Grove (girls/boys), 5:30 p.m./7 p.m.

-TUESDAY

- Basketball: Bay High vs Pass Christian (girls/boys), 6 p.m./7:30 p.m.
- Basketball: Hancock vs Harrison Central (girls/boys), 6 p.m./7:30 p.m.
- Soccer: Bay High at Moss Point (girls), 6 p.m.
- Soccer: Bay High vs SSC (boys), 7 p.m.
- Soccer: Hancock at Picayune (girls/boys), 5:30 p.m./7 p.m.
- Soccer: Pass Christian at Gautier (girls/boys), 5:30 p.m./7 p.m.
- Soccer: OLA vs Harrison Central (Senior Night), 5:30 p.m.

Shore Thing: Father Knows Best

We truly enjoy fishing over the Christmas holidays. Capt Matt and I got to run crews the day before, and the day after Christmas. This time of year, it's usually family crews.

I gotta give the dads credit on my boat. They hardly picked up a fishing pole. They helped me keep the kiddos baited, casted, and hooked up. If the kids wanted to net fish, they encouraged it. One of the kids even pushed a deck brush around, helping keep the boat clean. None of the trip was about the Dads, they made it ALL about the kids.

The bulk of the fish were big sheepshead, but they were plentiful and hungry. We have been lucky enough to still get live shrimp. The reefs and bridges have been very productive.

I sincerely applaud these



SHORE THING FISHING REPORT

by Capt. Sonny Schindler

Fathers for letting their sons and daughters experience everything on these trips. The smiles, laughter, and memories will outweigh any fish they would've caught. The youngsters will keep get-



ting better, and before long they'll be helping us "old folks". Keeping them fishing and having fun, will pay off big time down the road.

As always, have fun and be safe.



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Family establishes foundation in memory of Ayana Singleton



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SEA COAST ECHO

The immediate family and friends of the late

Ayana Singleton are pleased to announce that a scholarship will be awarded in her memory. A \$2000 scholarship

will be awarded to a deserving, graduating scholar/athlete of Bay High School. The student must exemplify the academic excellence and athletic tenacity and sportsmanship of the late Ayana Singleton. The deserving scholar/athlete will receive \$500 annually for four years subject to a maintained academic GPA of 3.0 and who will carry themselves on campus and in the community in a manner that honors the memory of YaYa.

The scholarship will be awarded annually as long as funds may be available.

Participation in collegiate sports is not required but will be considered. Interested applicants should submit a letter of inquiry requesting an application to "Ayanana Singleton Scholarship 544 Main St. BSL" applications must be submitted by

March 15, 2020 and the scholarship will be awarded in May.

Ron Polk at SSC

SEA COAST ECHO

Saint Stanislaus varsity baseball coach Mark Logan announced that one of college baseball's all-time greats is coming to Saint Stanislaus for a visit.

Ron Polk, who led Mississippi State to more than 1,100 victories and six College World Series appearances in 29 seasons as its head coach, will be the featured speaker for baseball enthusiasts on Sunday, January 12th at 6:00 p.m. He will talk on his career at several NCAA D-I schools as well as stories about his coaching, his players and the distractions that our kids face today.

Tickets for the event are \$10.00 and may be purchased online at www.ststan.com/ron-polk-registration/ or at the door. Proceeds from this event will support the Saint Stanislaus athletic program. The event will be held in the cafeteria of Saint Stanislaus.

Polk coached at Mississippi State from 1976-97 and then again from 2002-08, with a two-year stint at Georgia in between. He guided Mississippi State to the College World Series six times, Georgia once, and Georgia Southern once before he took over at MSU.

In all, Polk had a 1,373-702-2 record as a head coach. He was inducted into the College Baseball Hall of Fame in 2009, and the Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame in 1998. Mississippi State's baseball stadium, Dudy Noble Field at Polk-Dement Stadium, bears his name.



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Ron Polk (middle) in action at Mississippi State.

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